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The Story So Far

Konatsu transfers to Nanahama High School from the city and meets Koyuki, the only member of the Aquarium Club. The two girls naturally take a liking to each other because they're both lonely, so Konatsu ends up joining the club. Konatsu volunteers to do her first amberjack show at the culture festival in the autumn and practices hard so she can help Koyuki. As the big day arrives, they're planning to do their best together, but Koyuki comes down with a cold...

Characters



Konatsu Amano

A first-year transfer student. She has trouble adapting

to her new surroundings until she decides to join her new friend Koyuki in the Aquarium Club.



Koyuki Honami

Head of the Aquarium Club. Everyone puts

her on a pedestal, and she tries to satisfy their expectations even though she finds them suffocating and feels lonely.



Kaede Hirose

Konatsu's classmate. Due to her perky

personality, she has many friends and doesn't hesitate to extend a hearty welcome to Konatsu.

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Tank 13

HUH
?!

WELCOME!
NANAMAMA HIGH CULTURE FESTIVAL

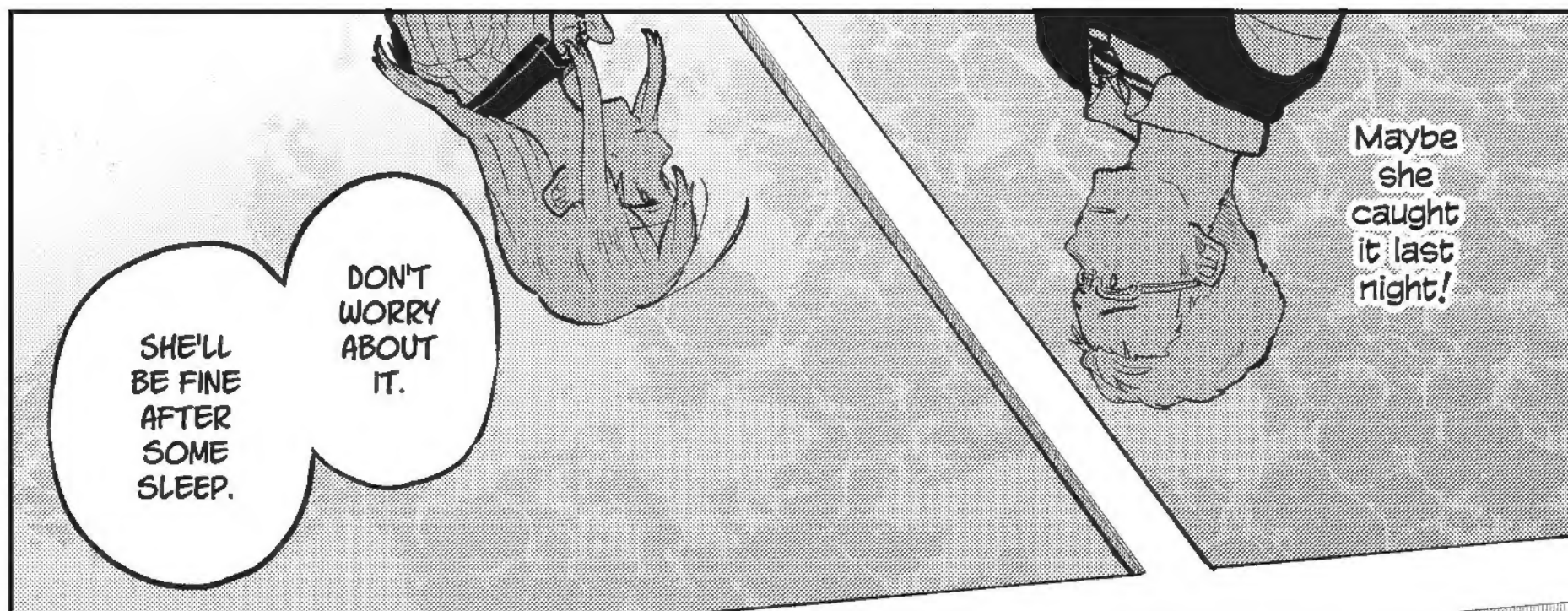
HONAMI
HAS A
COLD?

SHE'S
BEEN
WORKING
TOO
HARD...

...AND
SHE
NEEDS
TO REST
TODAY.

Oh
no...

I
DIDN'T
KNOW
THAT
SHE
WASN'T
FEELING
WELL.



SHE'LL
BE FINE
AFTER
SOME
SLEEP.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

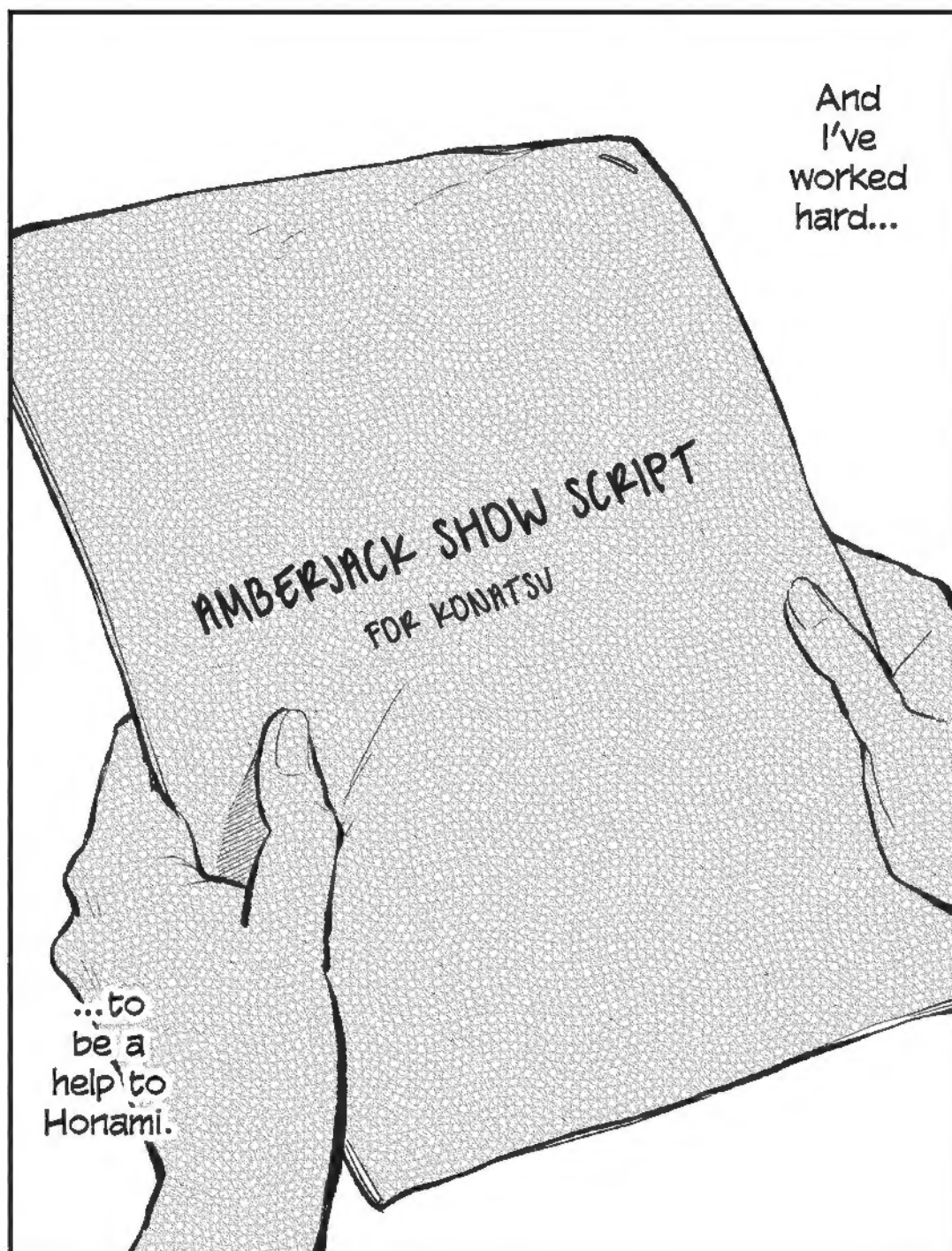
Maybe
she
caught
it last
night!



CAN YOU
HANDLE
THE
AMBERJACK
SHOW
ALONE?



BESIDES,
I CAN RELY
ON YOU
TODAY,
RIGHT?



And
I've
worked
hard...

...to
be a
help to
Honami.

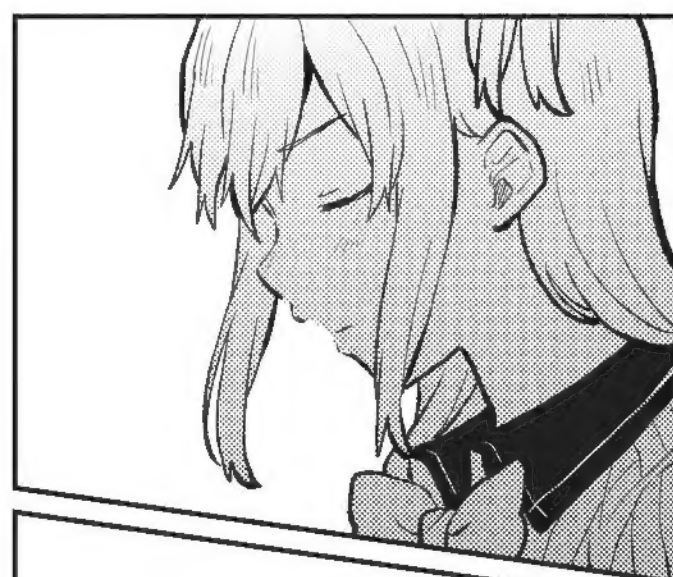


Oh
right...

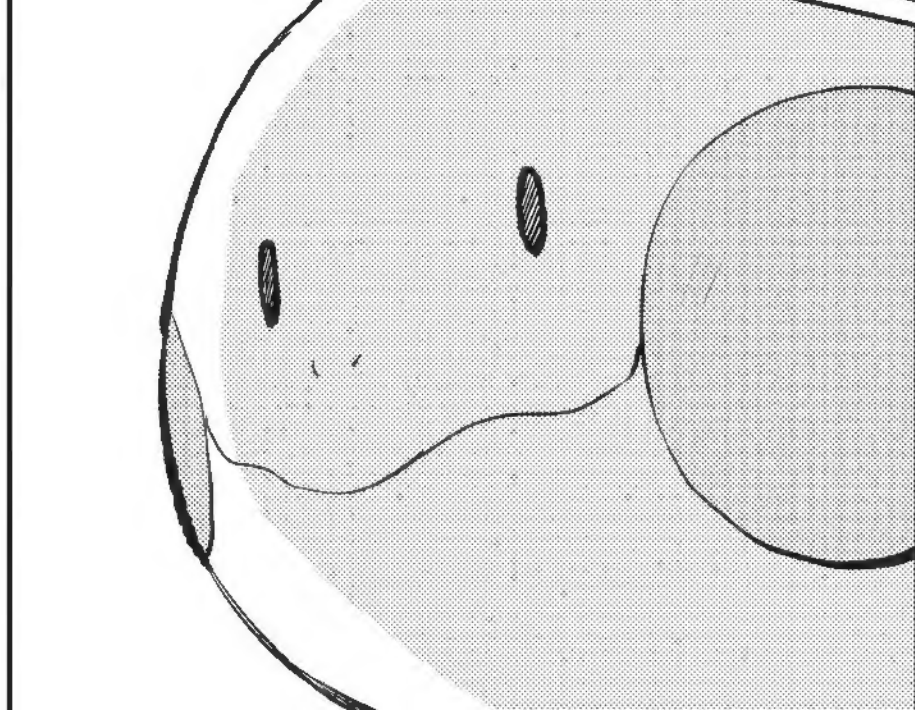
I'm
the only
club
member
left.



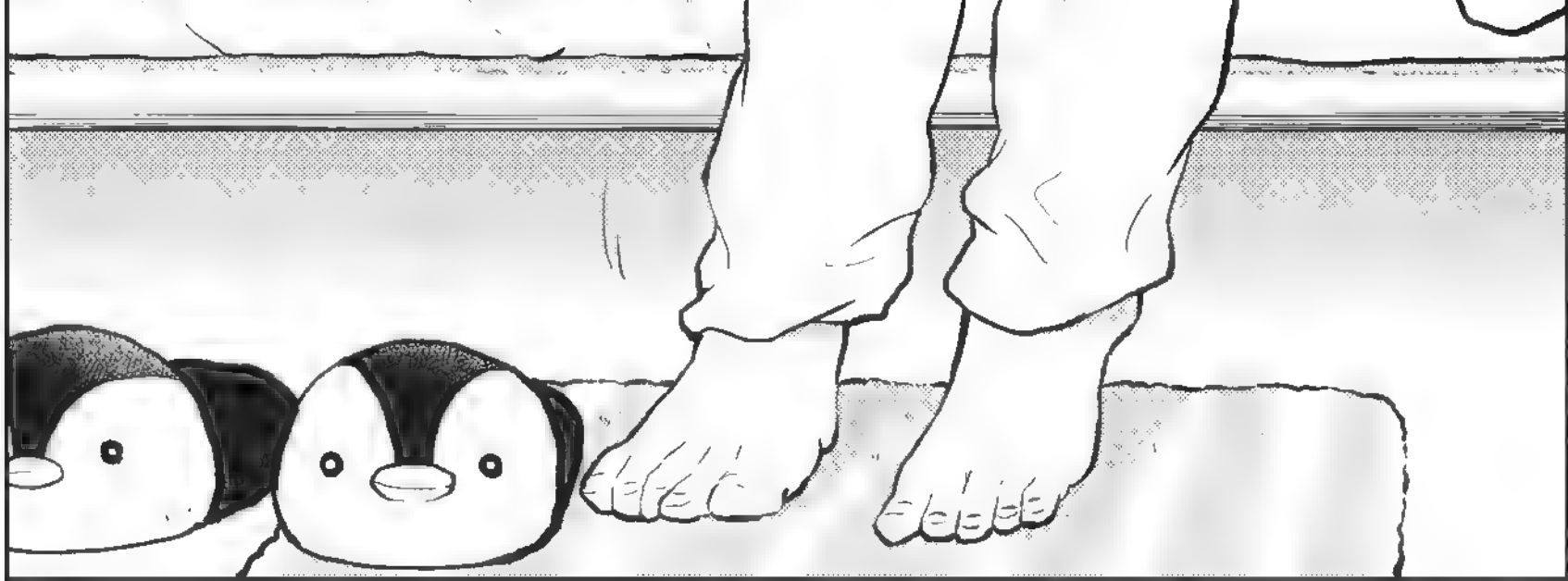
GLAD
TO
HEAR
IT!



YES,
I
CAN!



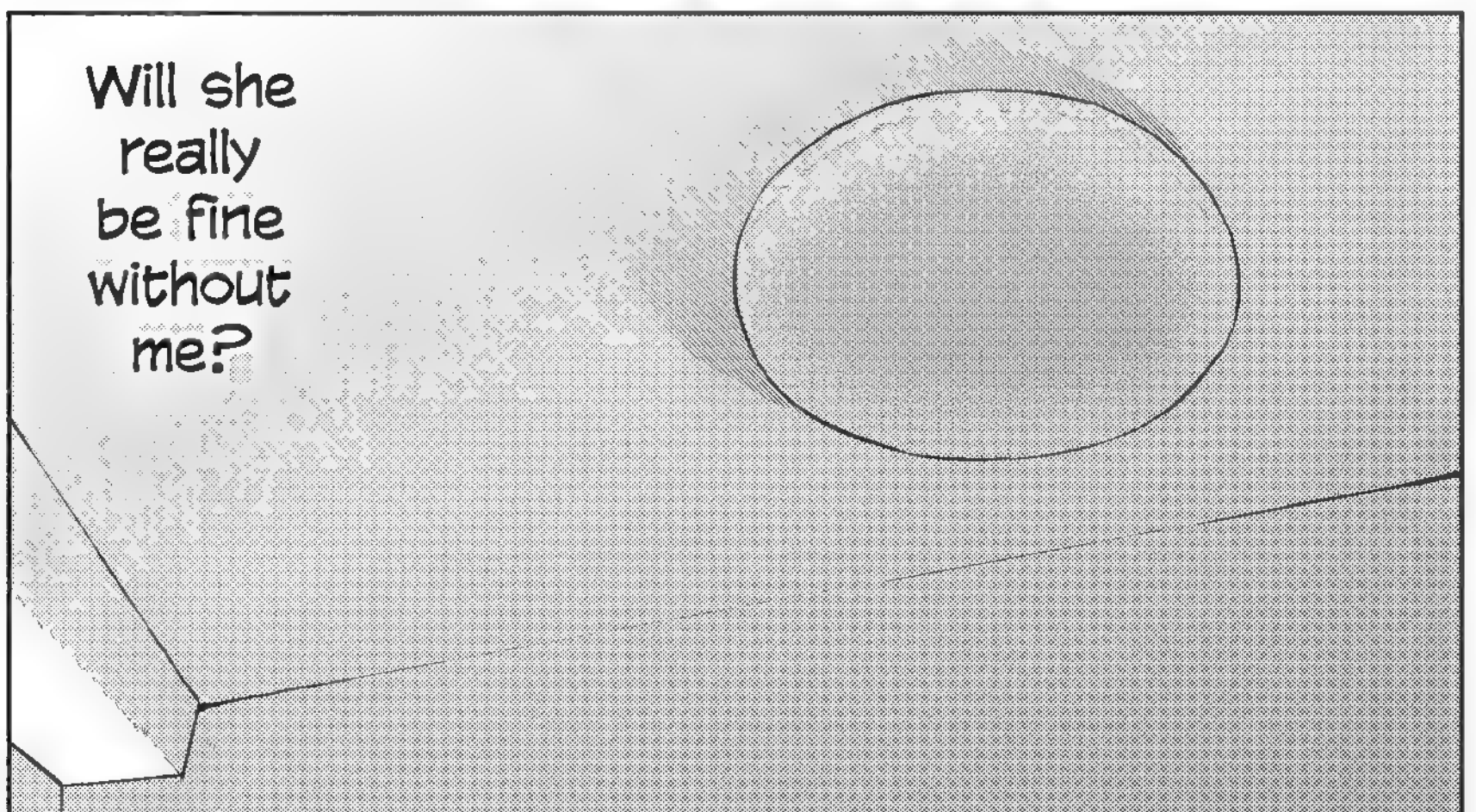


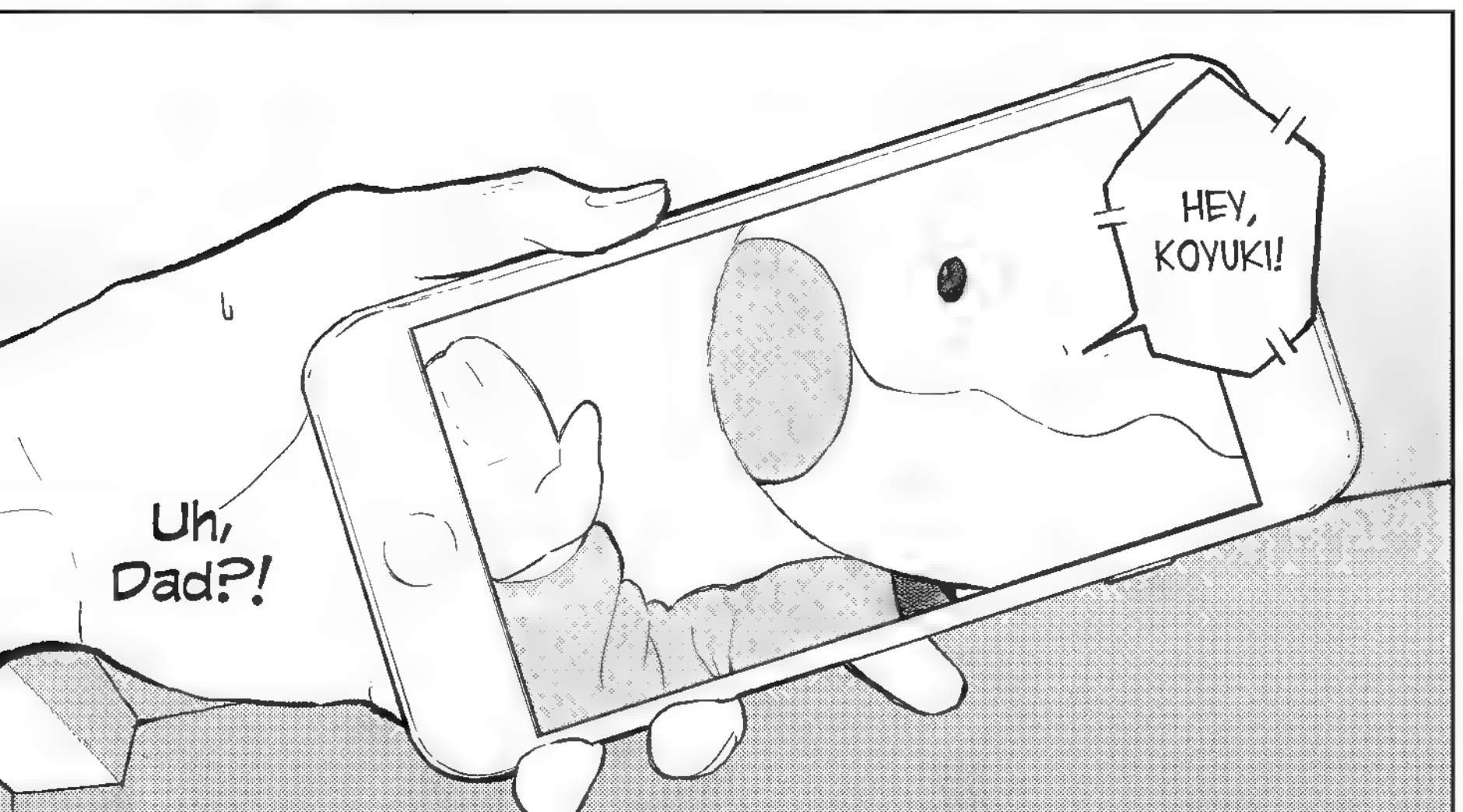
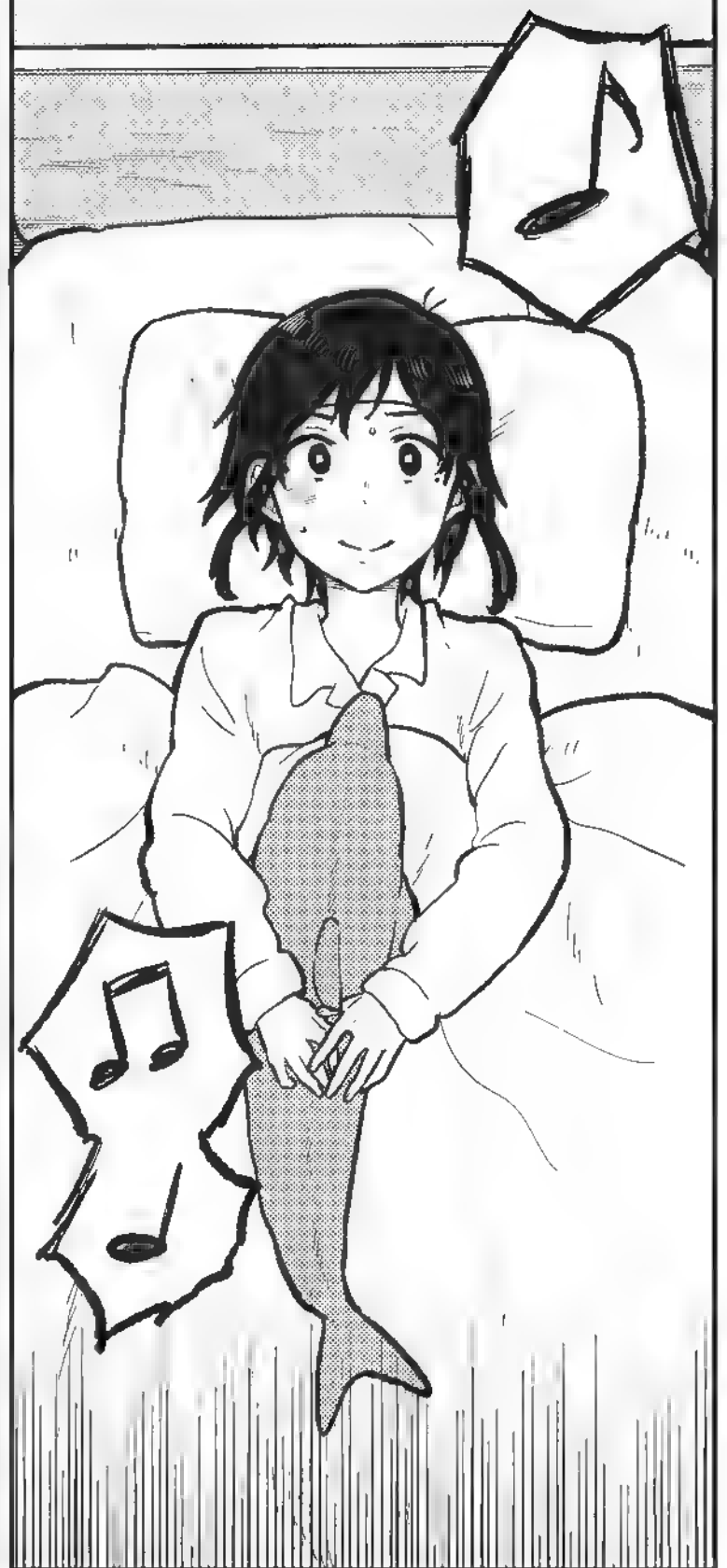




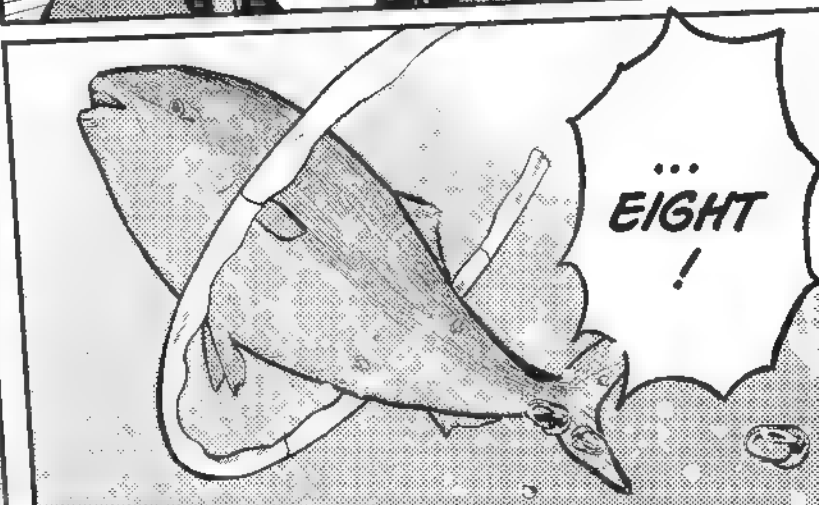
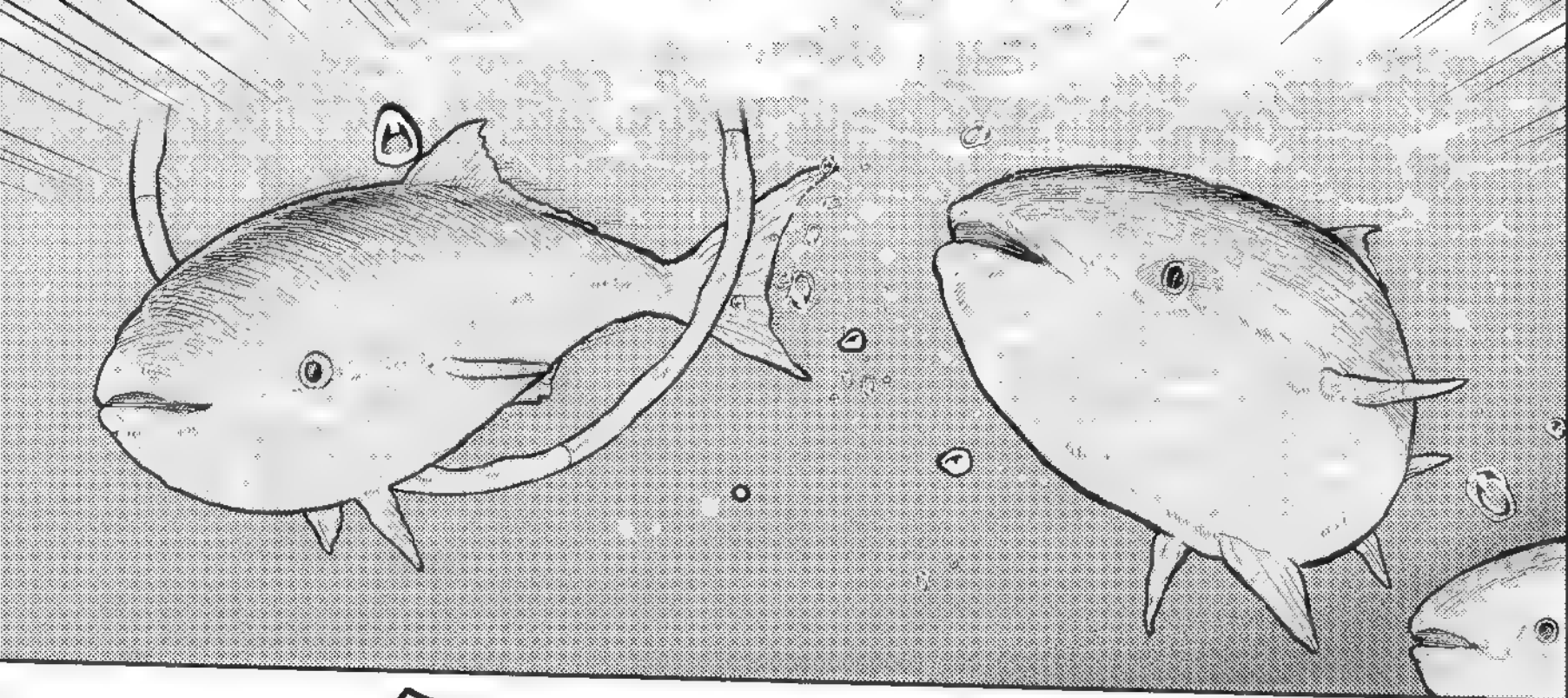








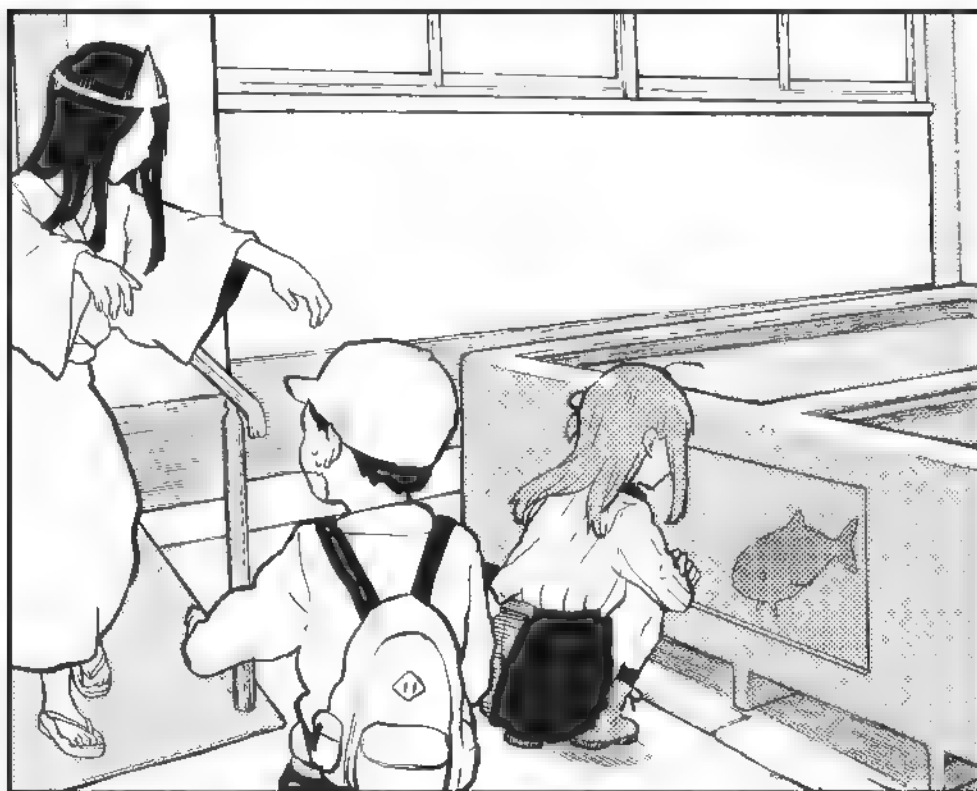
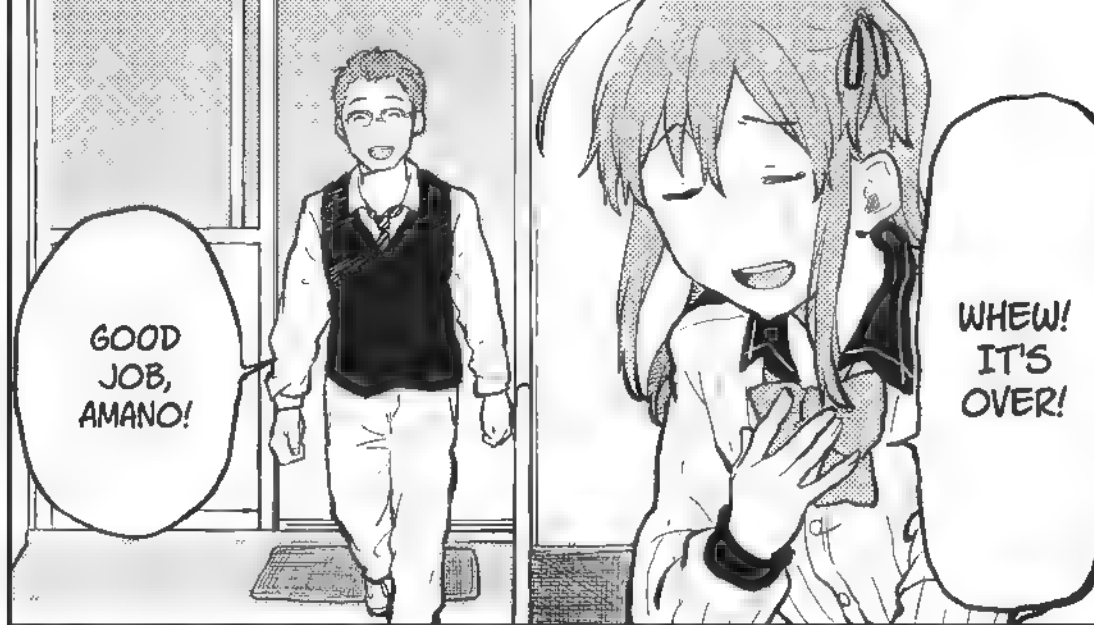






Yes,
she's
fine
without
me.

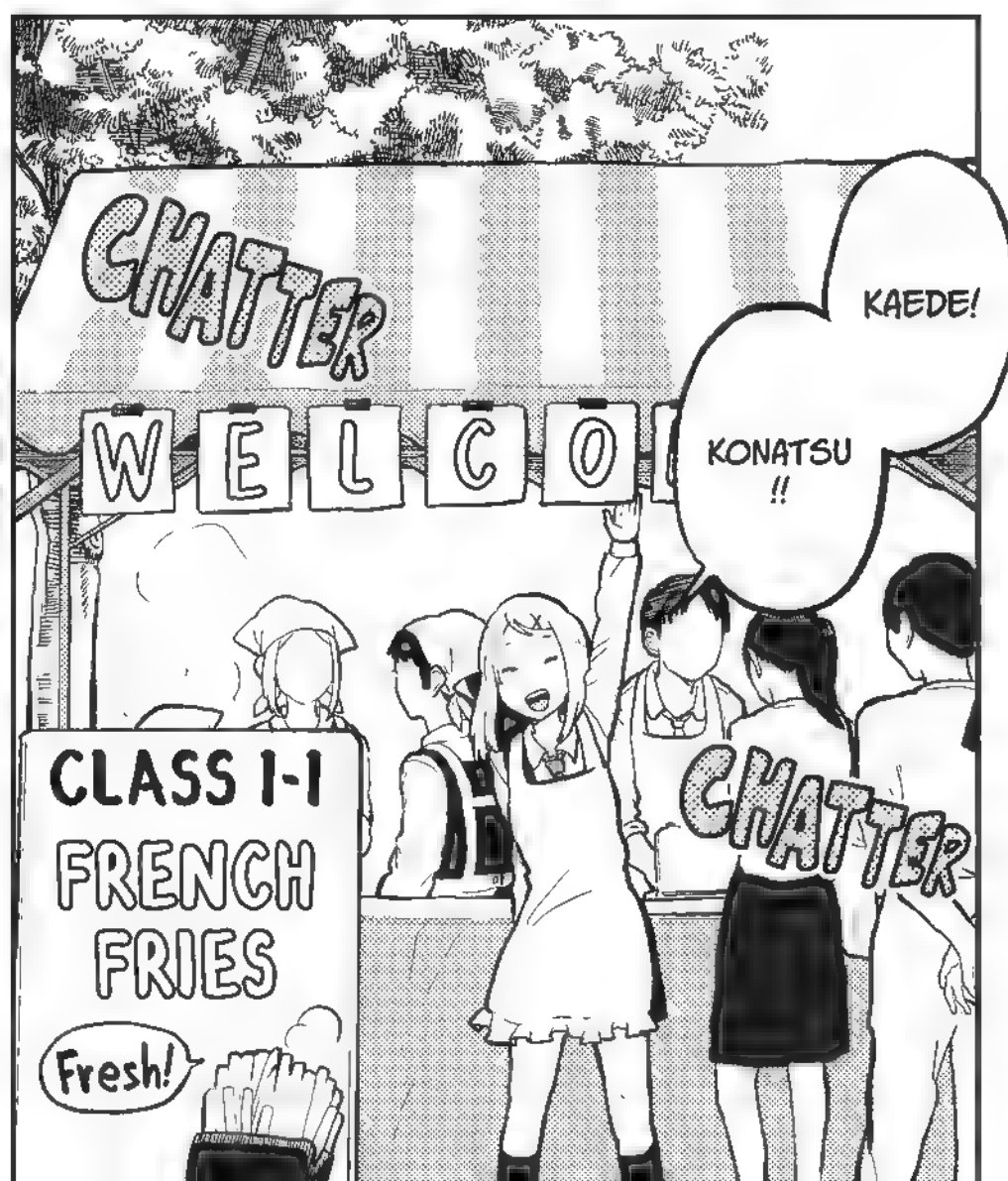




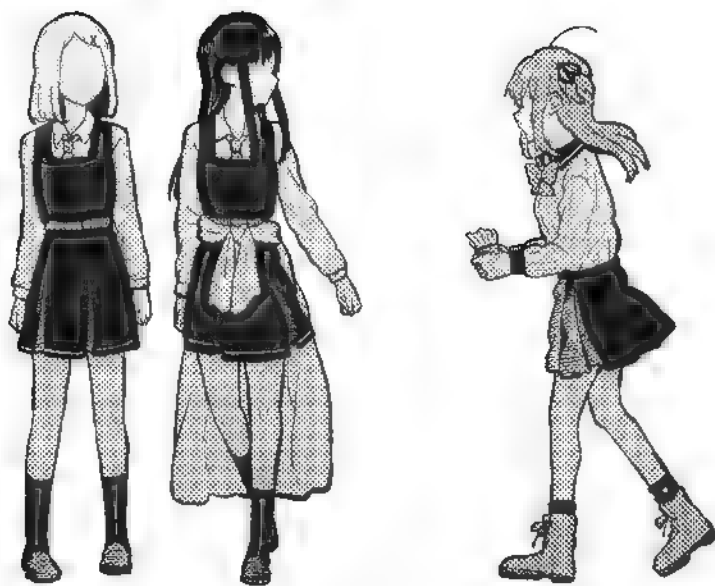




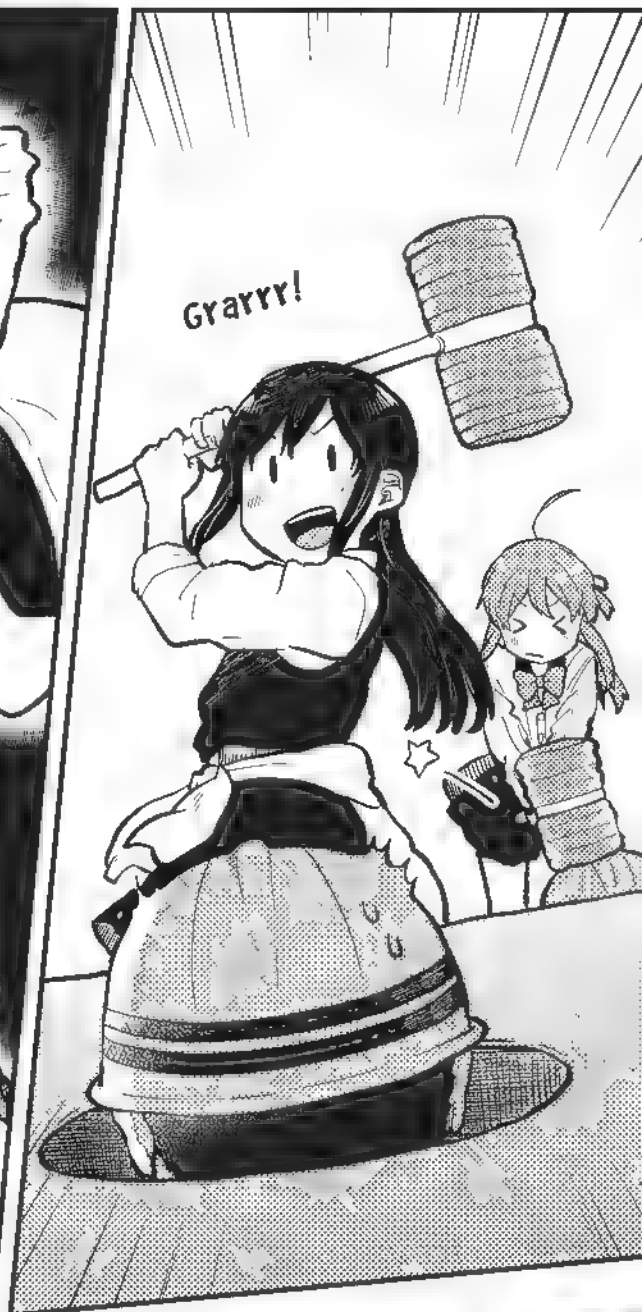


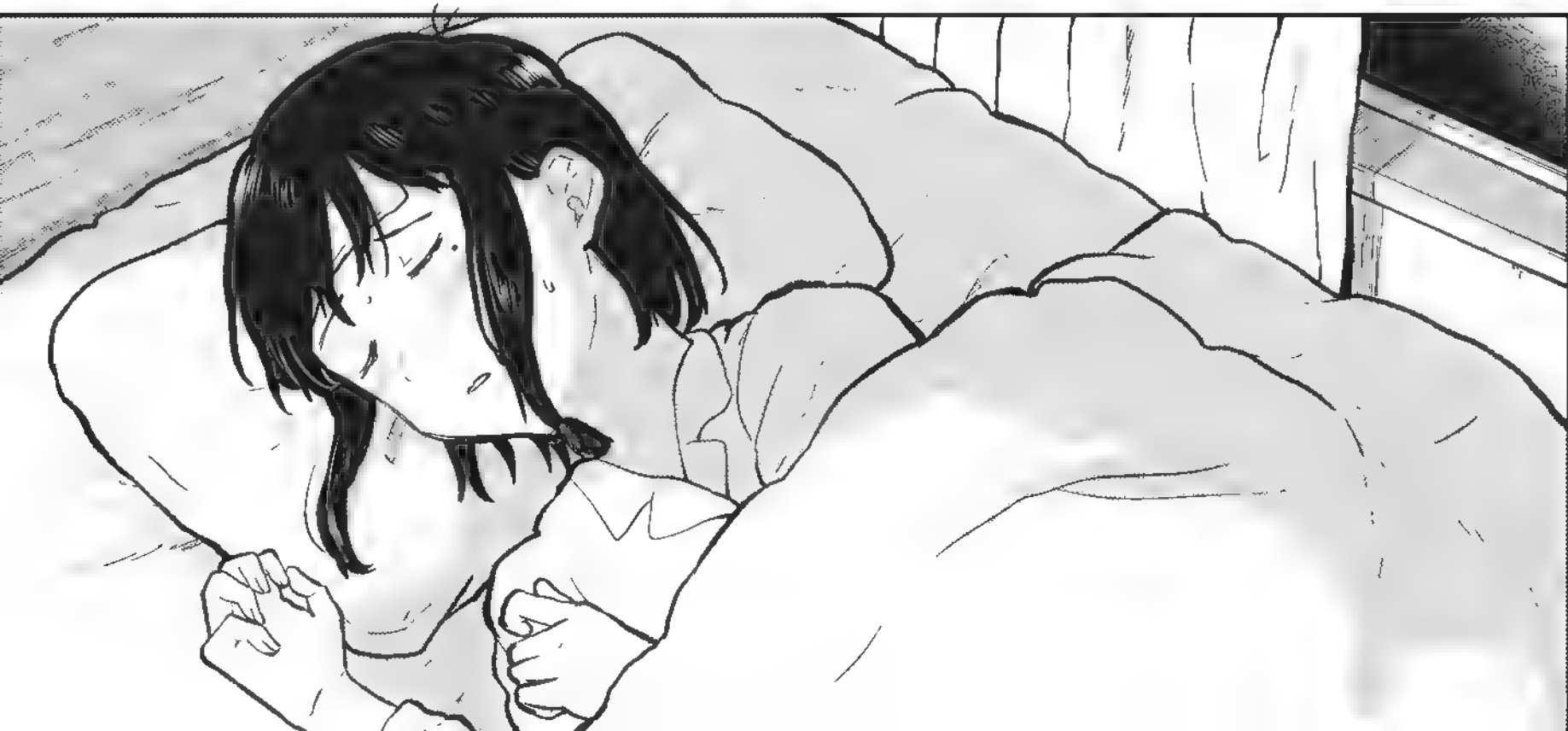
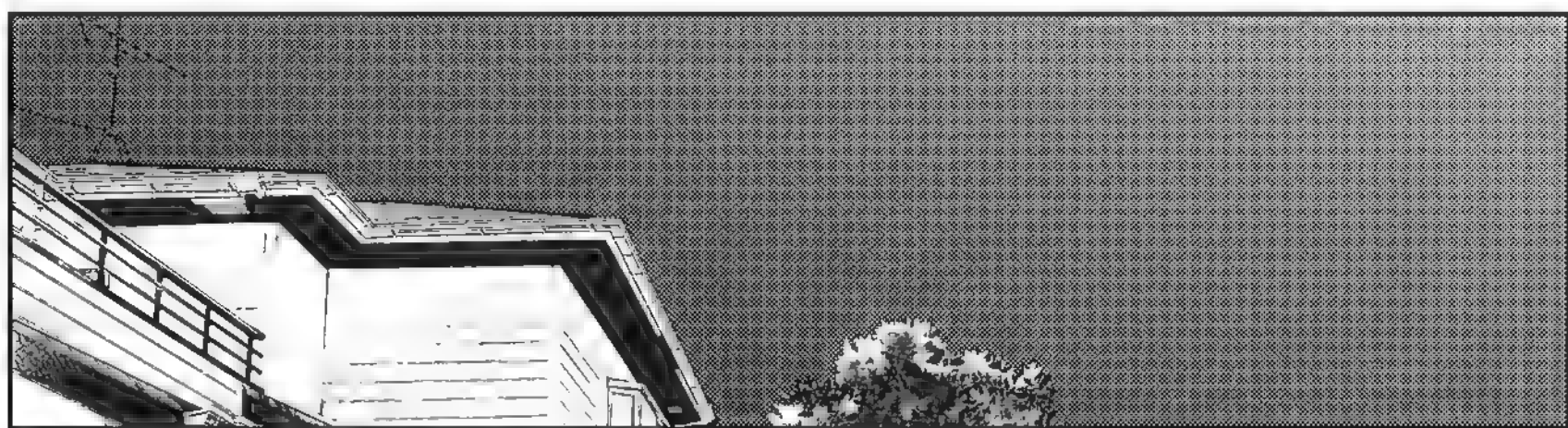
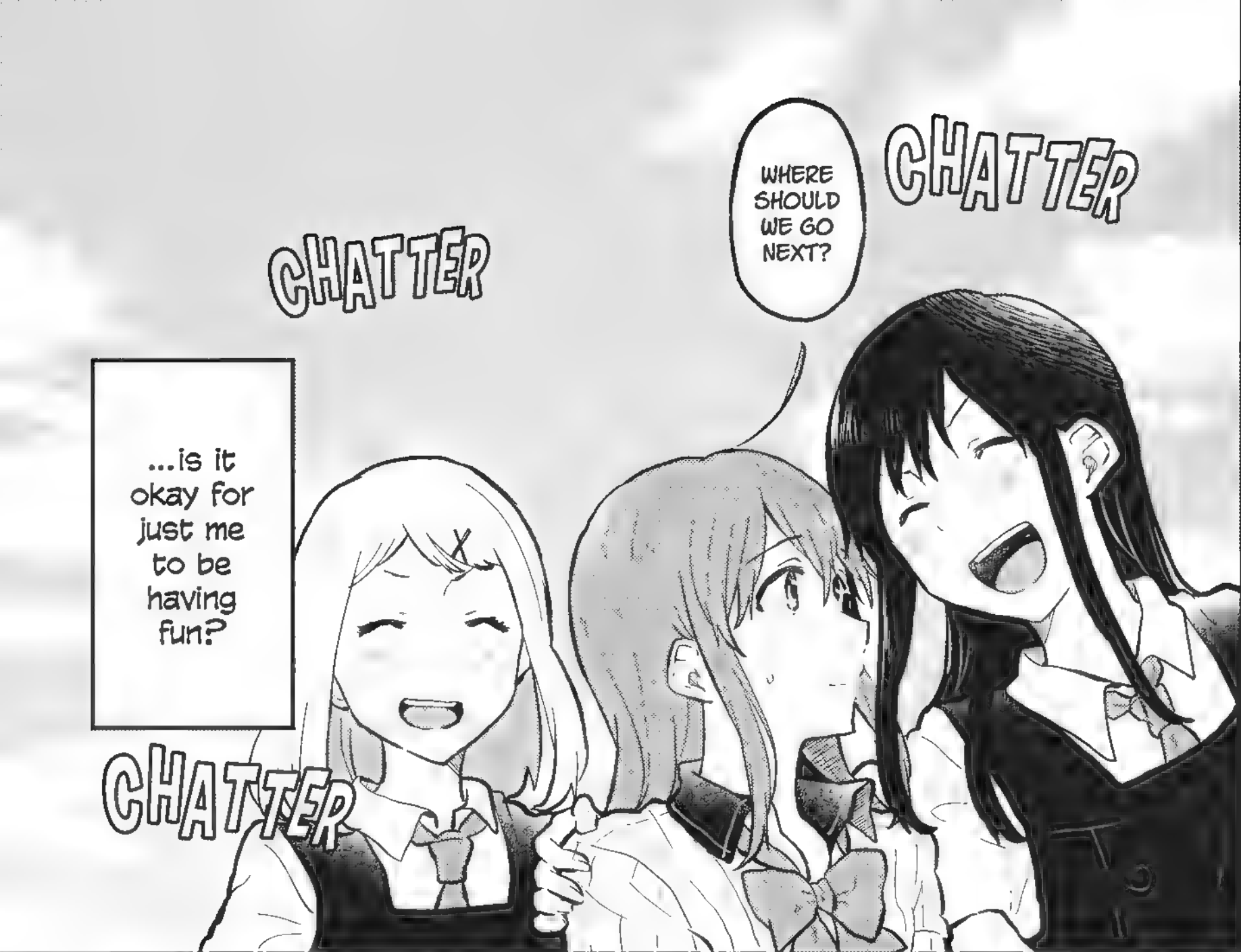


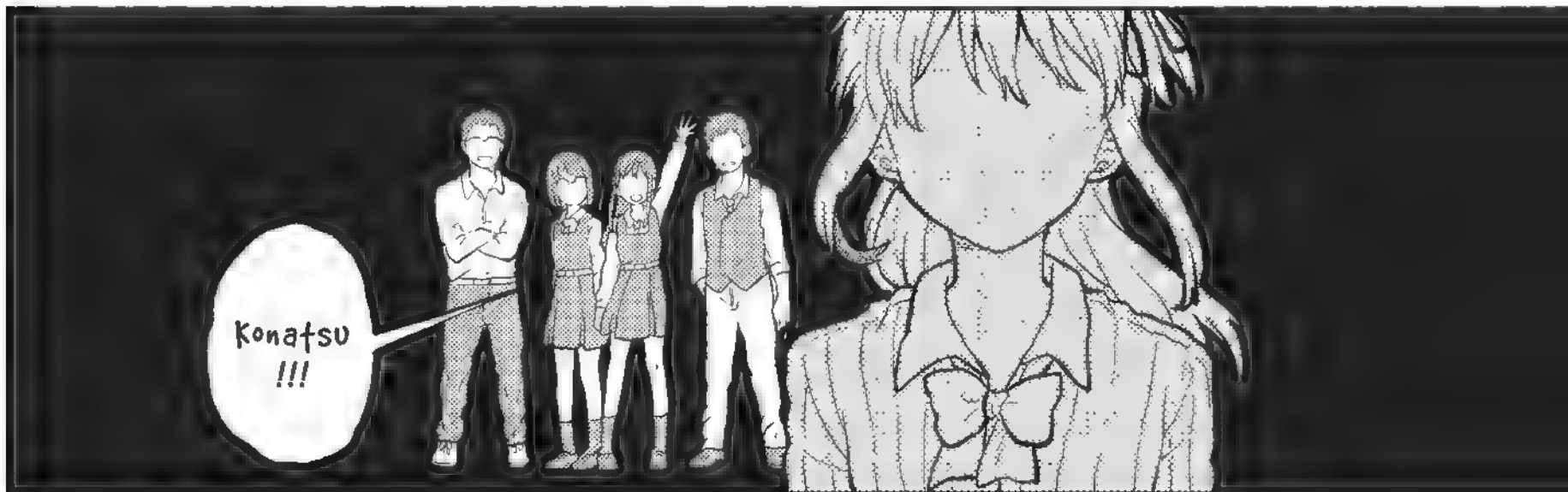
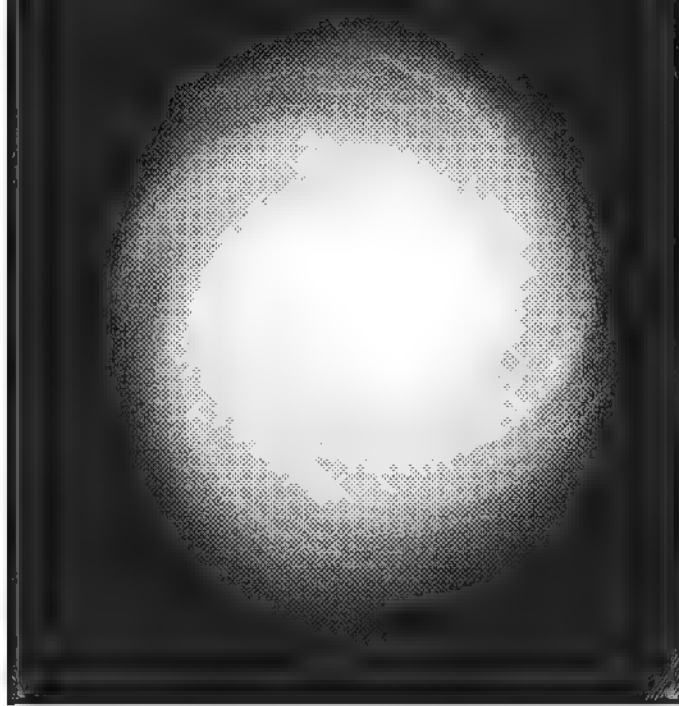


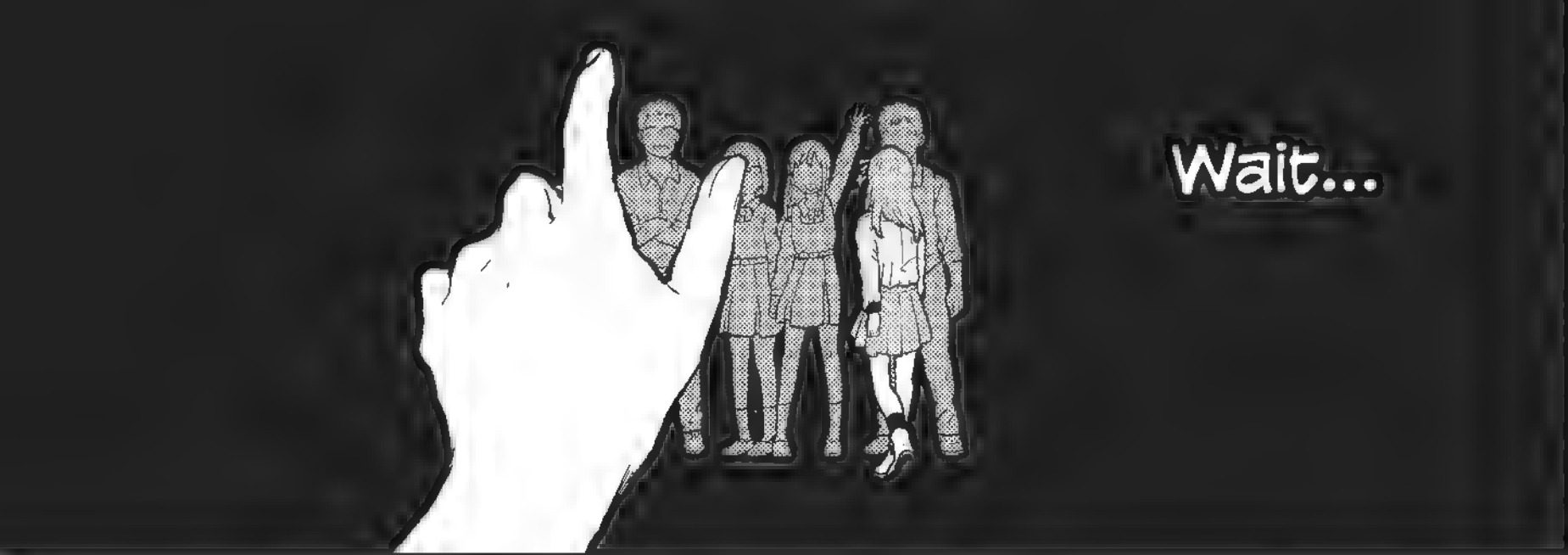


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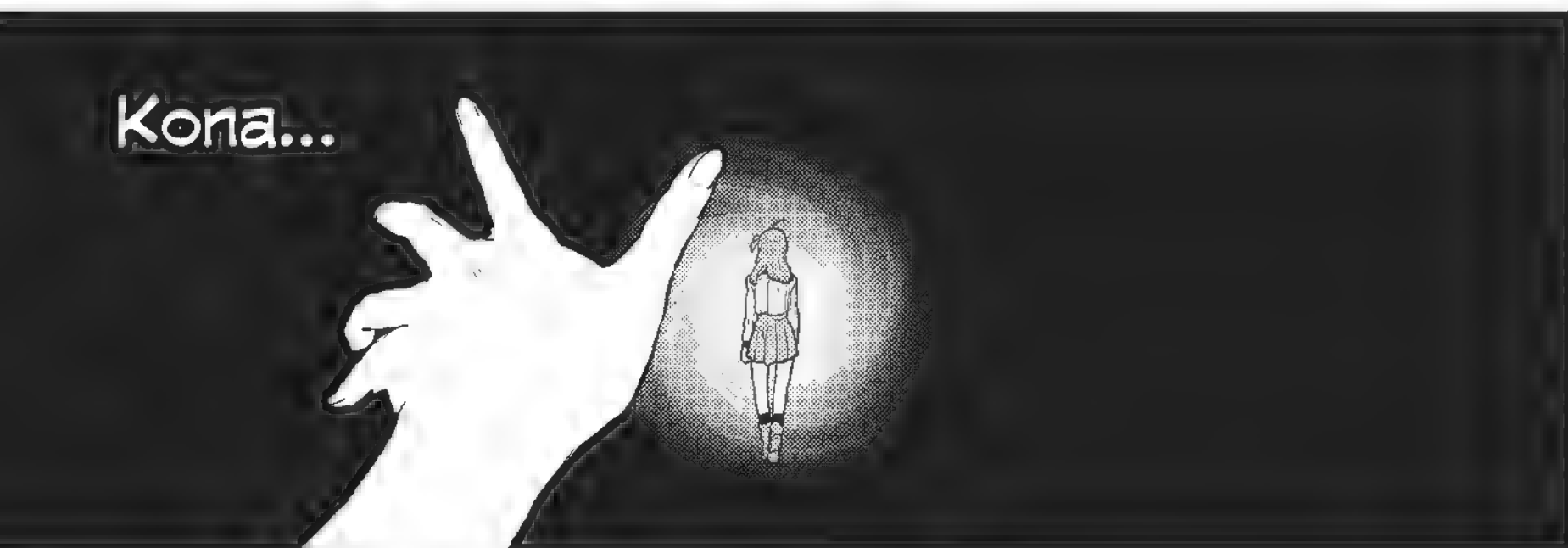




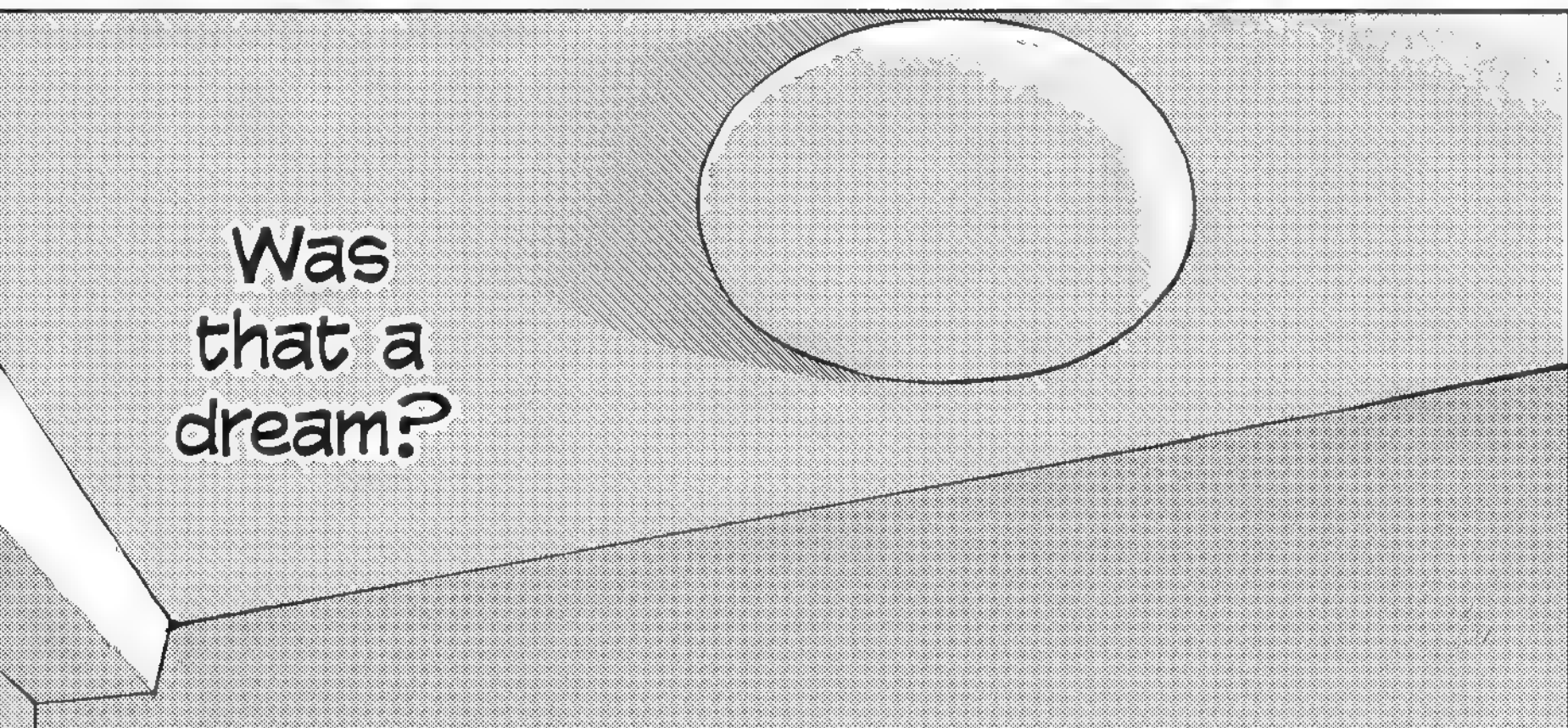




Wait...



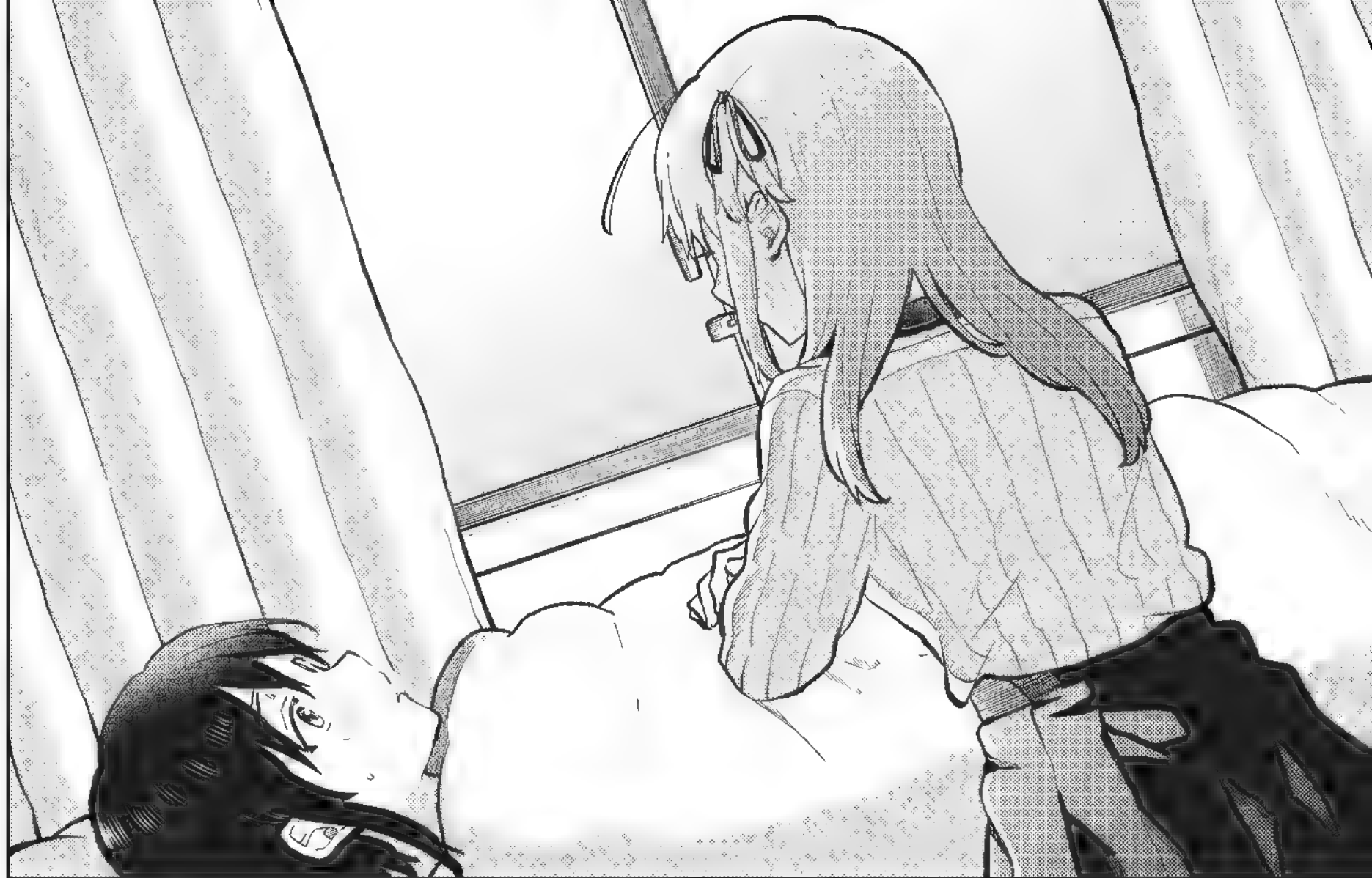
Kona...



Was
that a
dream?

OH,
YOU
WOKE
UP!







W-
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?!

K-K-
KONATSU
?!



JOLT

H
W
A
A
A
H
?!



WHAT
?
UM
...

SHE
SAW ME
ASLEEP!
AND
SICK!



JUST
PUT IT
ON MY
DESK.

UM,
THANKS.



AND TO
RETURN
THE TOWEL
I BOR-
ROWED!

...I
CAME
TO WISH
YOU
WELL!

F
S
H
H





SHE
KEEPS
HIDING
AND
PEEKING
OUT...

I
KNEW
IT...

YOU'RE
LIKE A
SALAMAN-
DER!



!



SIIGH
I WISH
YOU
COULD'VE
SEEN MY
SHOW!

She said
something
similar
before...

I WAS
NERVOUS,
BUT I DID
MY VERY
BEST!

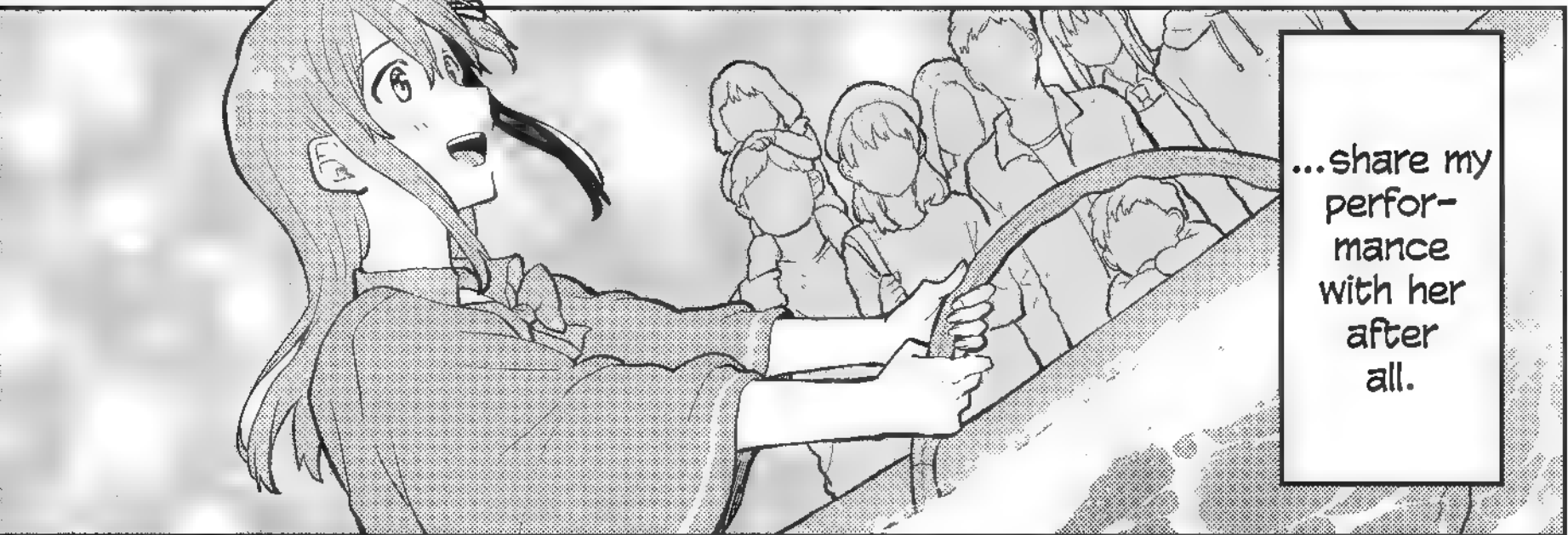
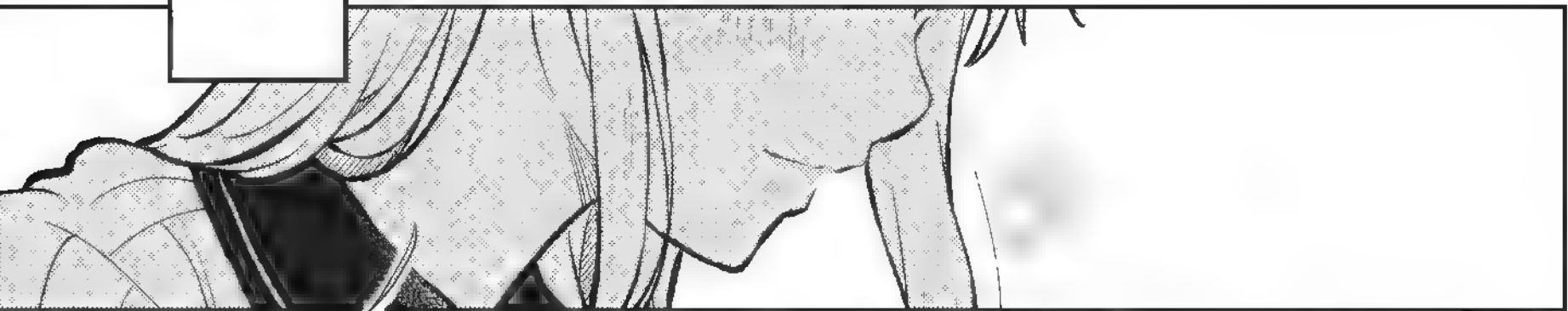


A
salamander?





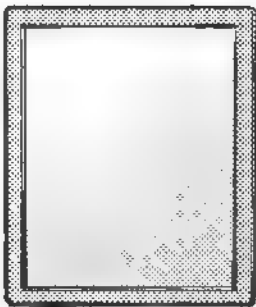
I
got
to...



...share my
perfor-
mance
with her
after
all.



THANK
YOU.



... BUT
I'M
GLAD
YOU
WERE
THERE.

IT'S
TOO
BAD I
COULDN'T
HELP
...



SHWUF



I
WISH I
COULD'VE
AT
LEAST
WASHED
MY
FACE!





TEE
HEE

YOU
FINALLY
SHOWED
YOUR
WHOLE
FACE!

WHAT?!
I
THOUGHT
YOU
LEFT!



GOOD
NIGHT

...
KÖYUKI.





"HAVE
YOU READ
THE STORY
'SALAMAN-
DER'?"



"YOU AND
THAT
SALAMAN-
DER ARE
SIMILAR."



But
come to
think of
it...



No,
that
can't
be!



Tank 13:
Koyuki Honami Can't Sleep

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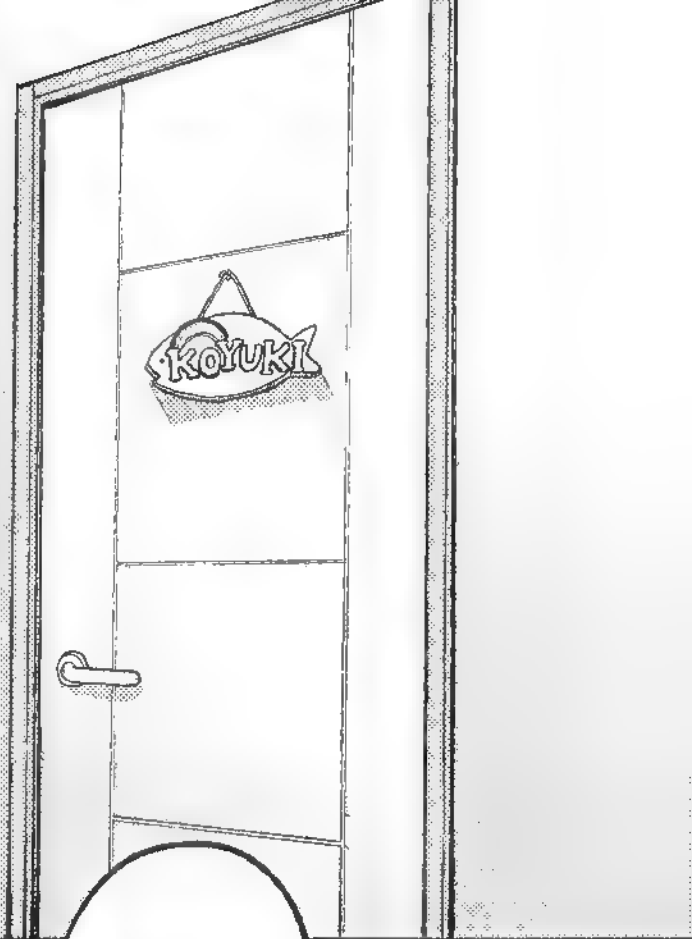
Konatsu often
compares
me to a
salamander...

Tank 14

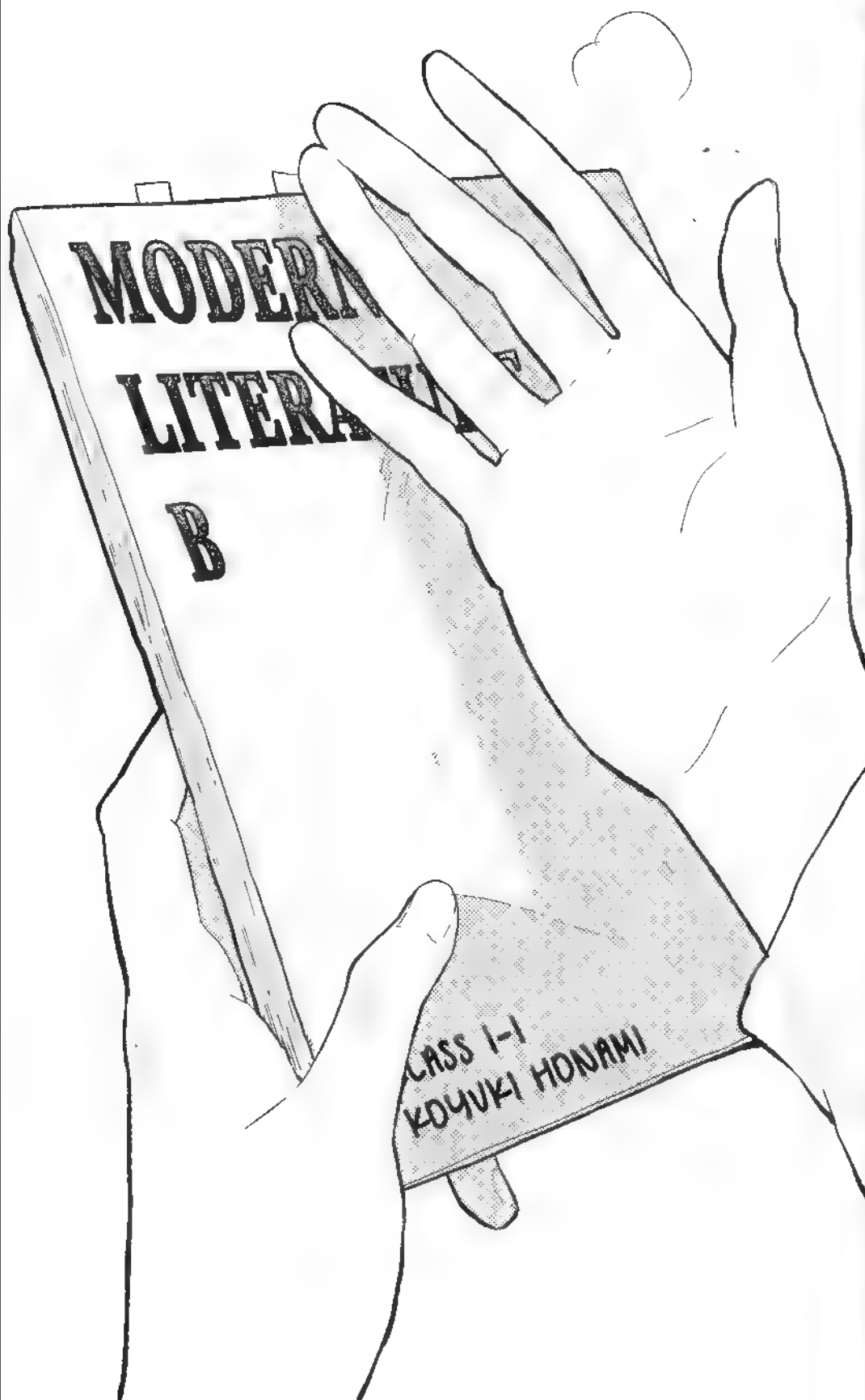
...and she
said she
wants to
be my
frog.



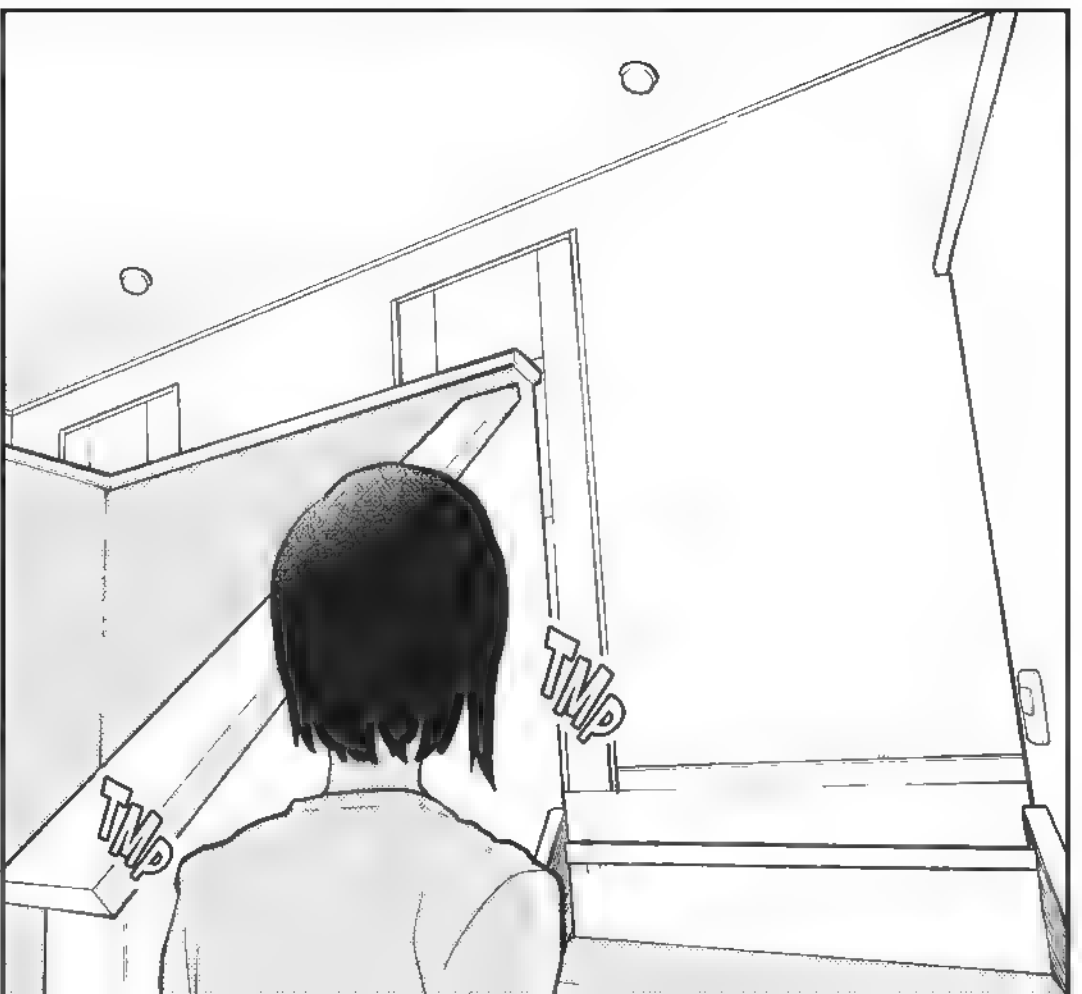
Tank 14:
Koyuki Honami Can't Be Sure



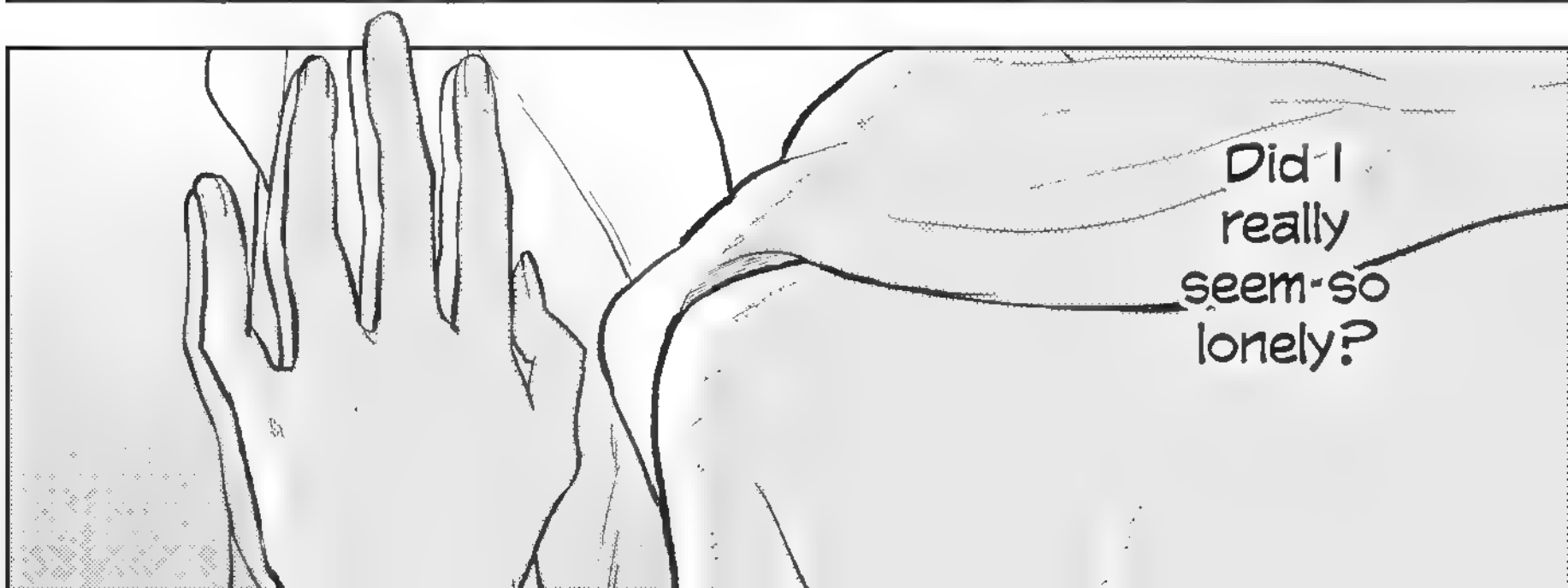
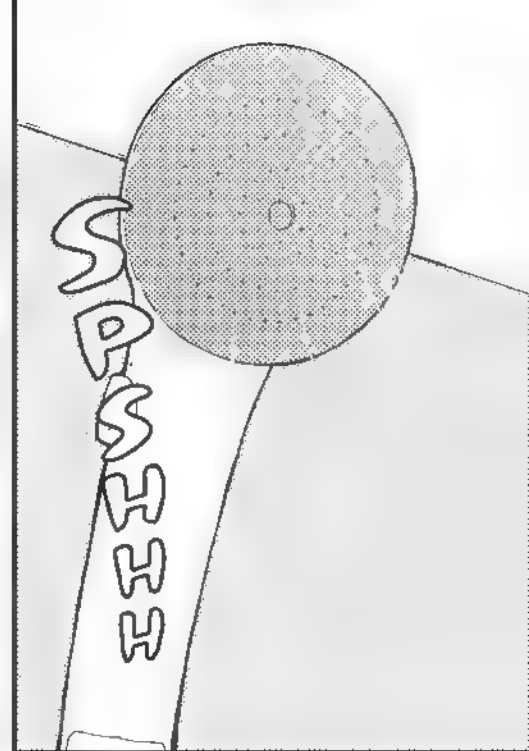
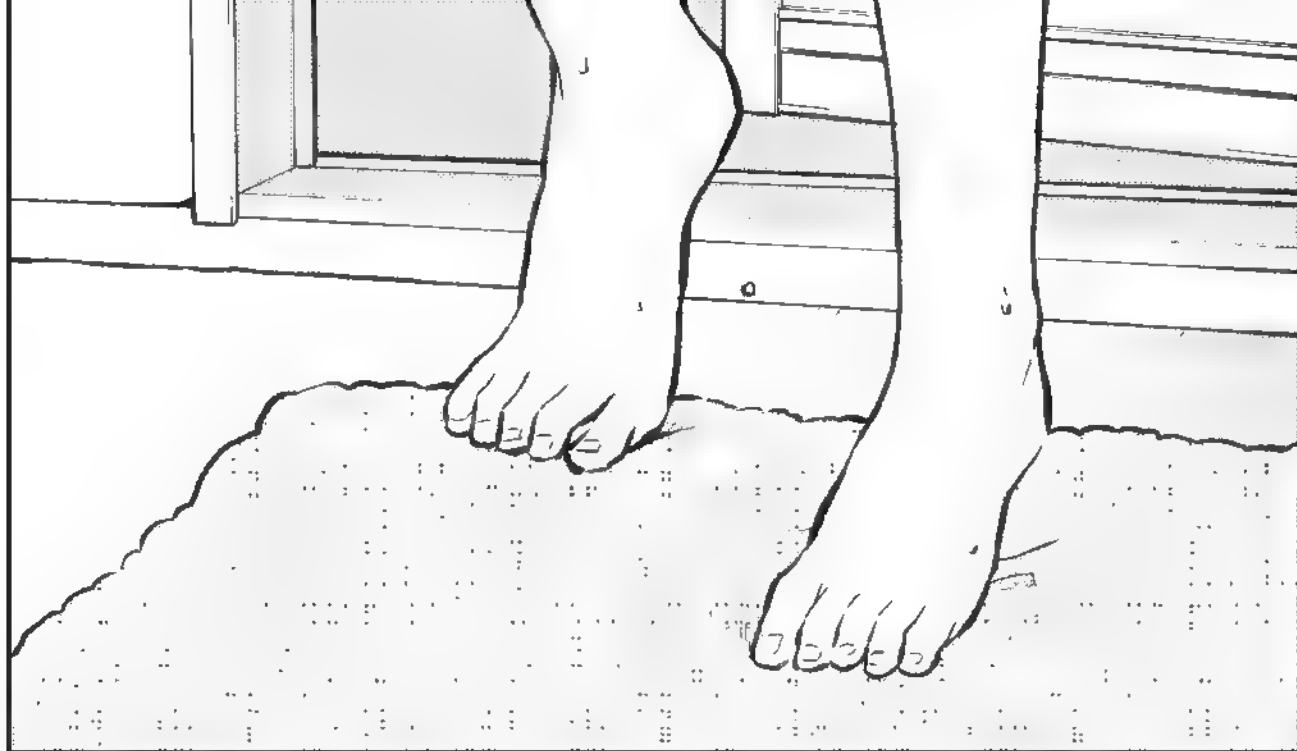
I THINK
IT'S HERE
SOME-
WHERE...











Did I
really
seem so
lonely?





GLANCE



...and
spent
the rest
of their
lives
together.

The
salamander
and
frog
stayed
in the
rock
hollow...

FWAP



The
rest of
their
lives...



...to-
gether.



HONAMI?



HONAMI,
YOU'RE
THE
NEXT
READER.



UM,
LINE
3...

FROM
LINE 3,
PLEASE.

OH
...
SORRY!

CH
KA

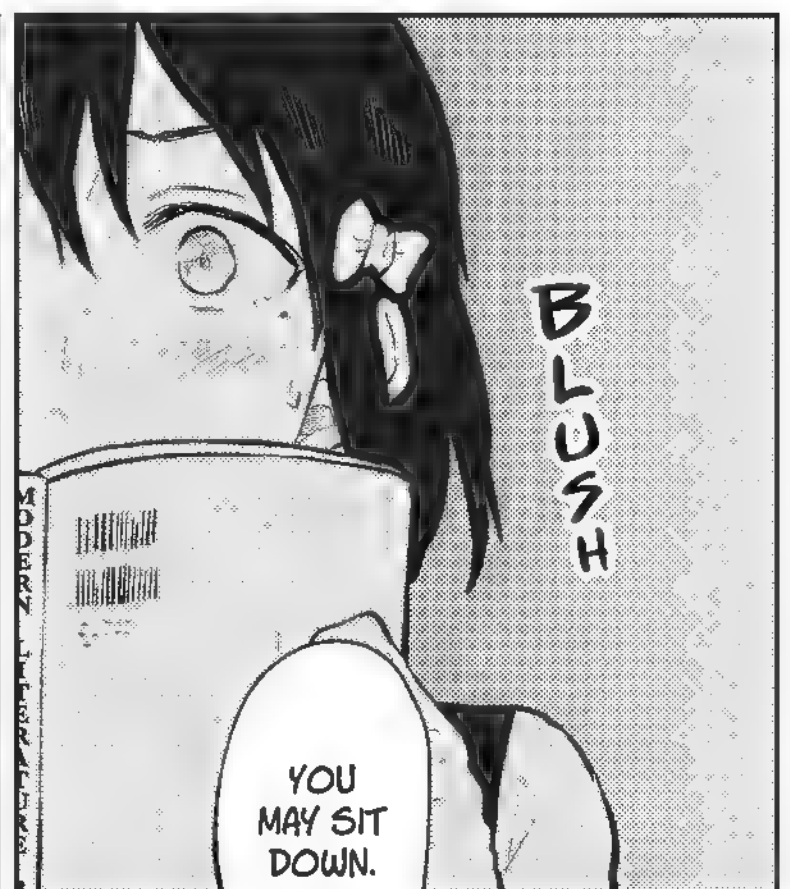
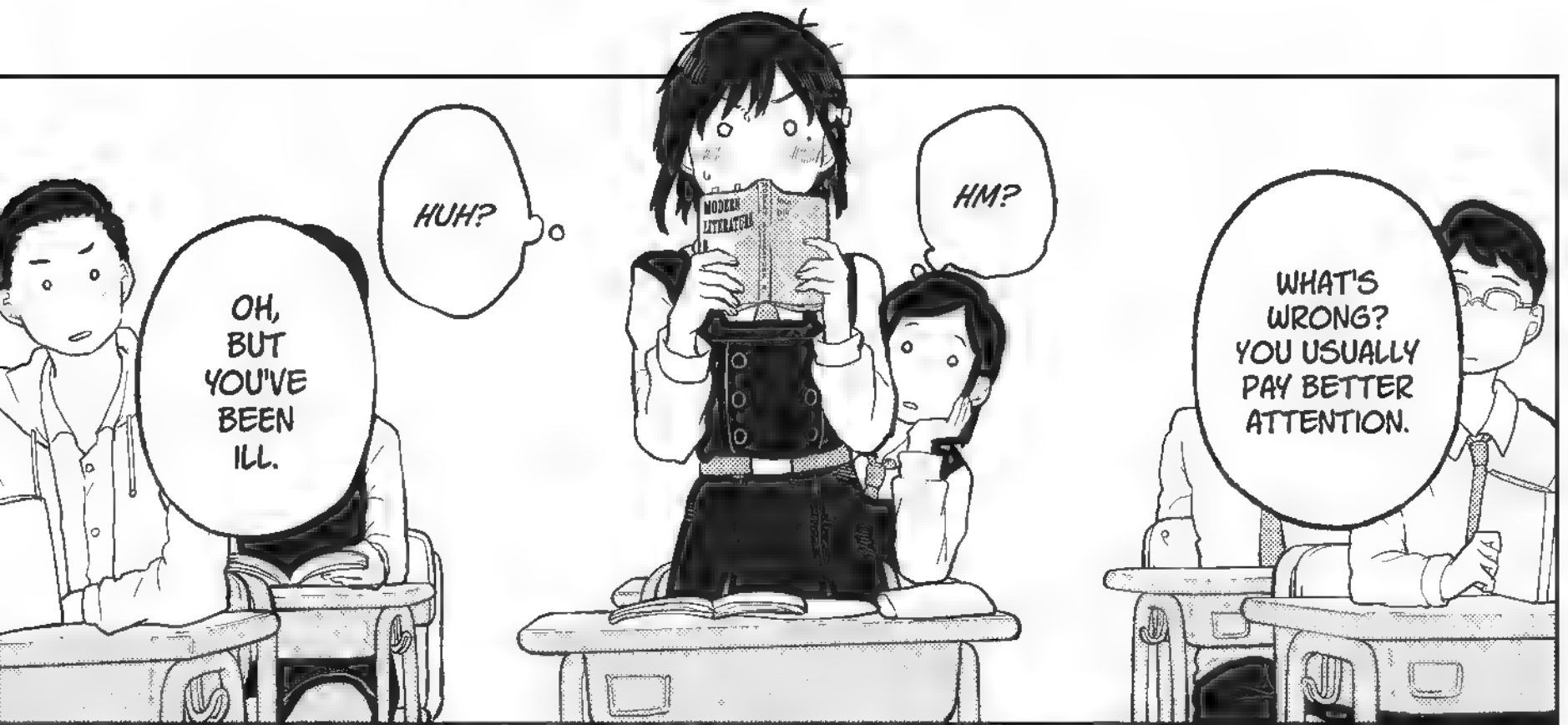


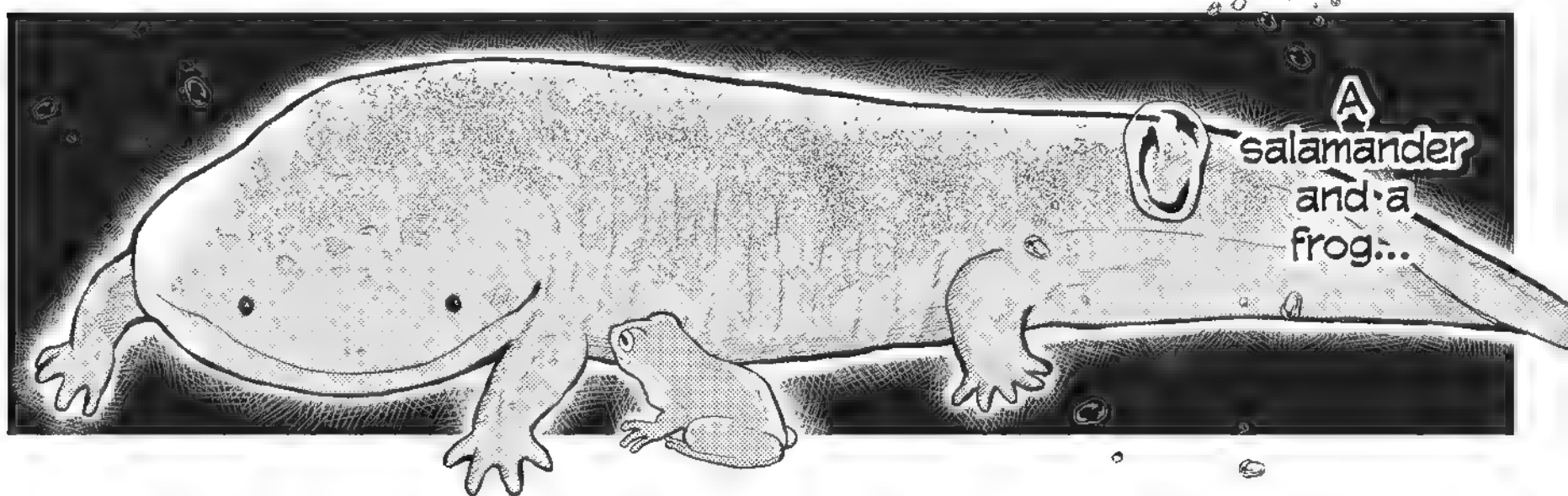
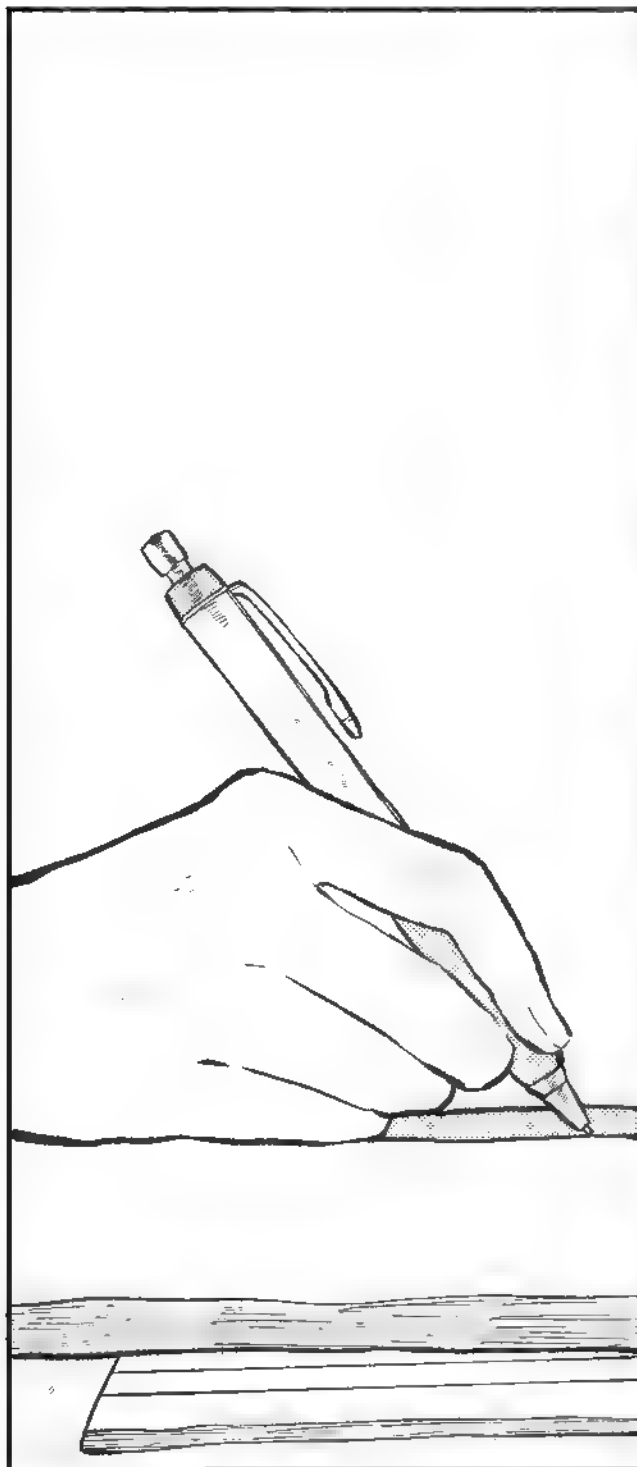
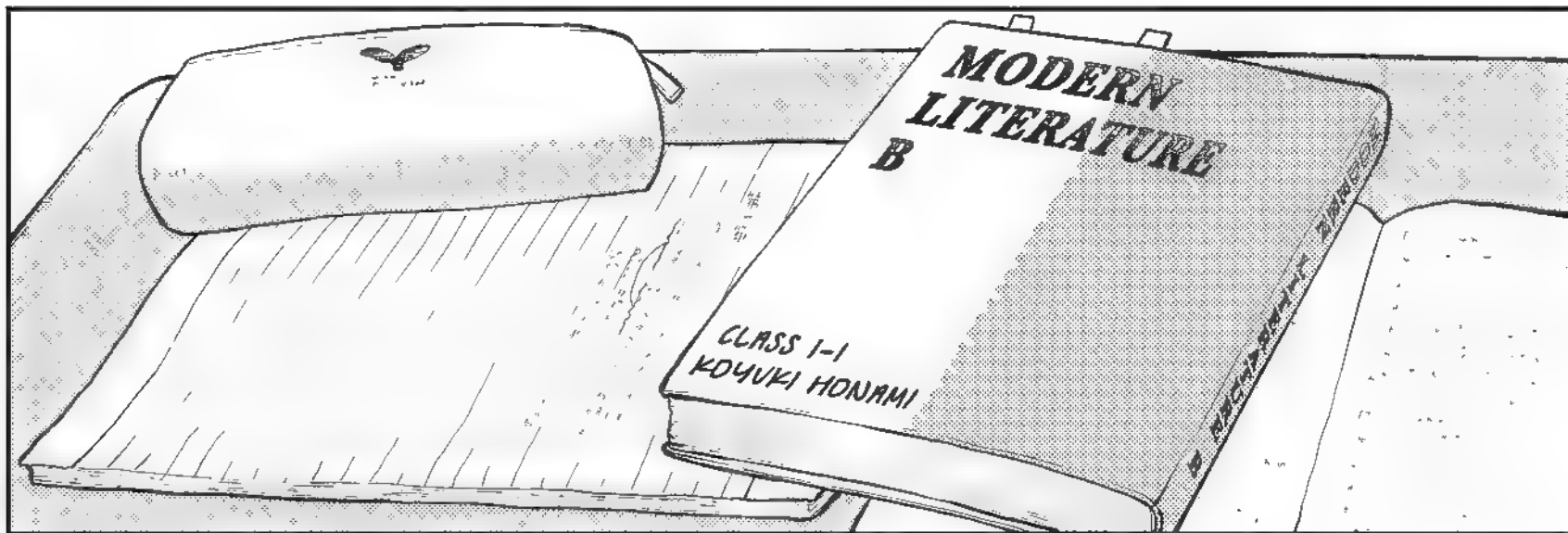
"I CAN'T
TAKE
IT ANY-
MORE."

?

CHAT

TER







I WISH
WE COULD
OPENLY
TELL EACH
OTHER HOW
WE FEEL



"I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE"
"THEN LET'S STAY
TOGETHER FOREVER."



No way!



I can't say that!

FWAP



?



UGH!
DON'T
EVEN
MENTION
THAT!

SCHOOL TRIP GUIDE



YEAR 2

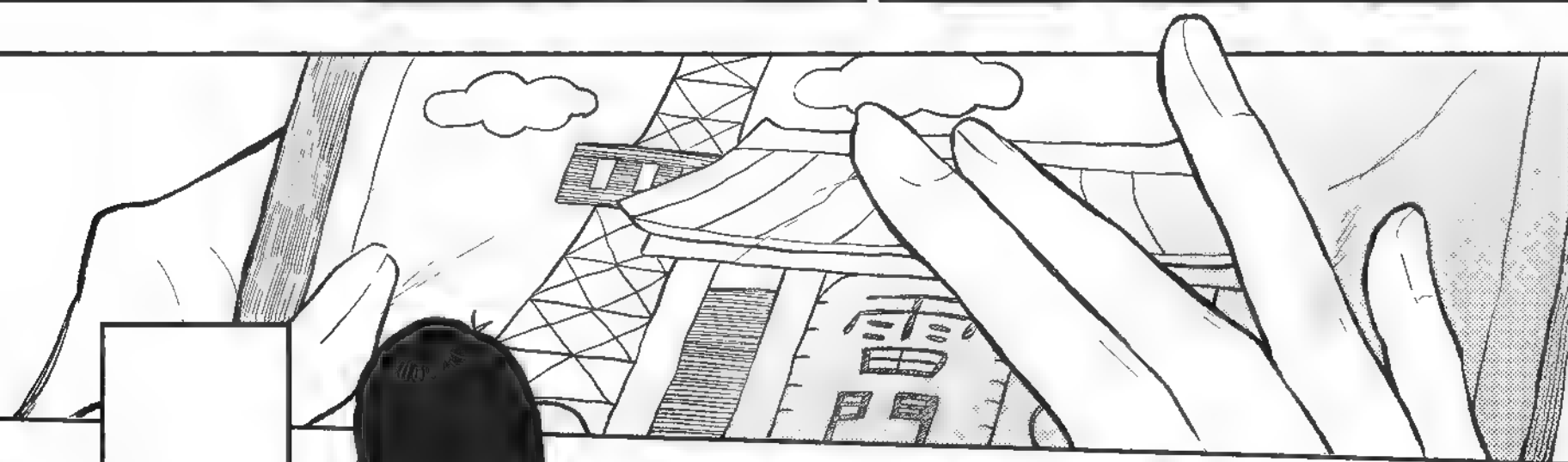
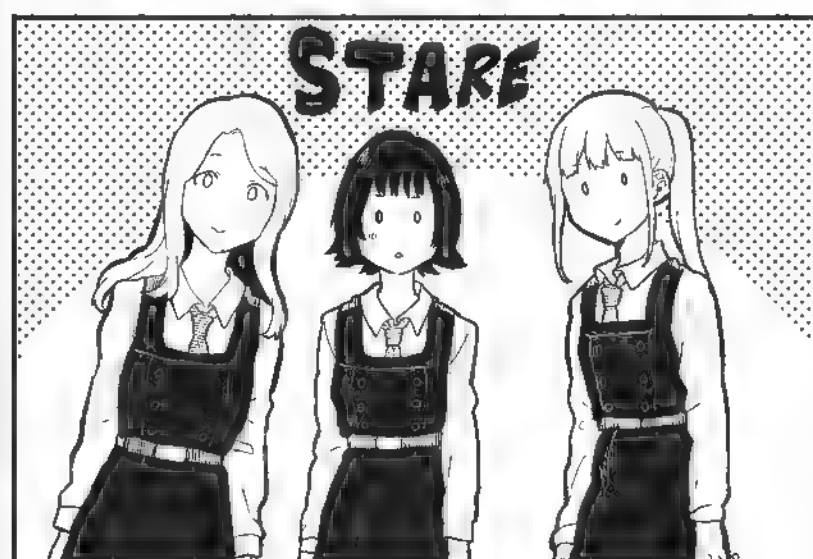
WE'LL
BE BUSY
WITH
EXAMS
NEXT
YEAR.

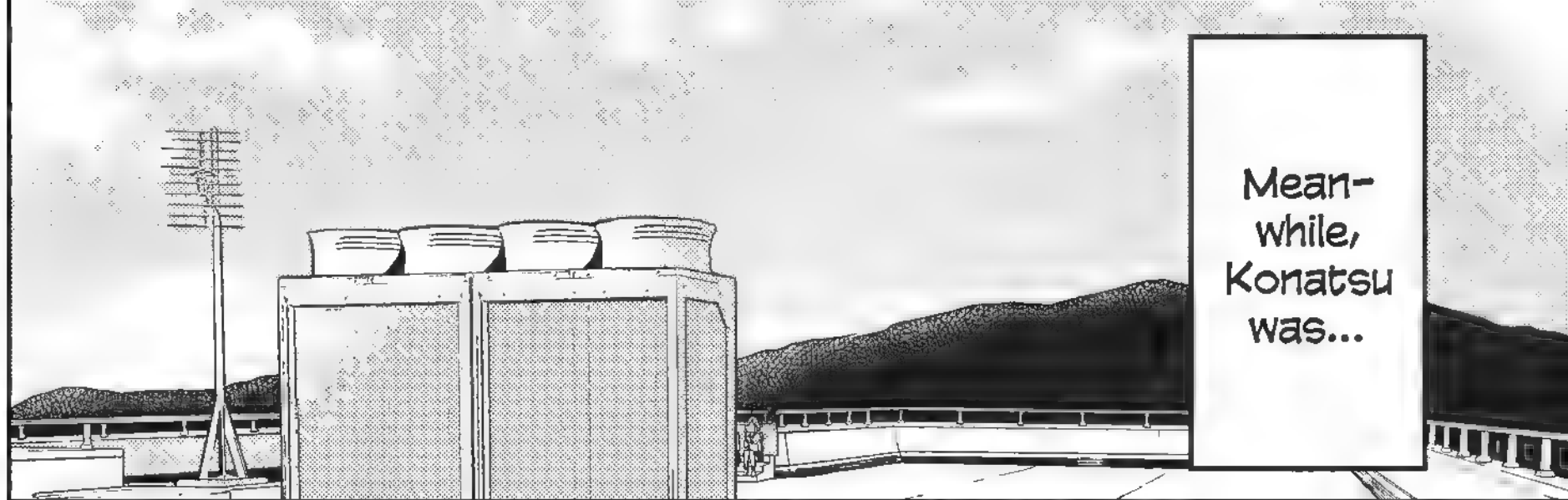
WHY
ARE WE
TAKING A
SCHOOL
TRIP
NOW?

WE'RE
IN THE
SAME
GROUP!

HONAMI!

TOKYO
...?





Mean-
while,
Konatsu
was...



IMPRES-
SIVE!

I JUST
HAVE RICE
BALLS
FROM THE
CONVENIENCE
STORE!

I USED
TO MAKE
MY DAD'S
LUNCHES
TOO.



DOES
YOUR AUNT
MAKE
THEM?

KONATSU,
YOUR
LUNCHES
ALWAYS
LOOK
DELICIOUS!

SERI-
OUSLY
?!

NO,
I DO.





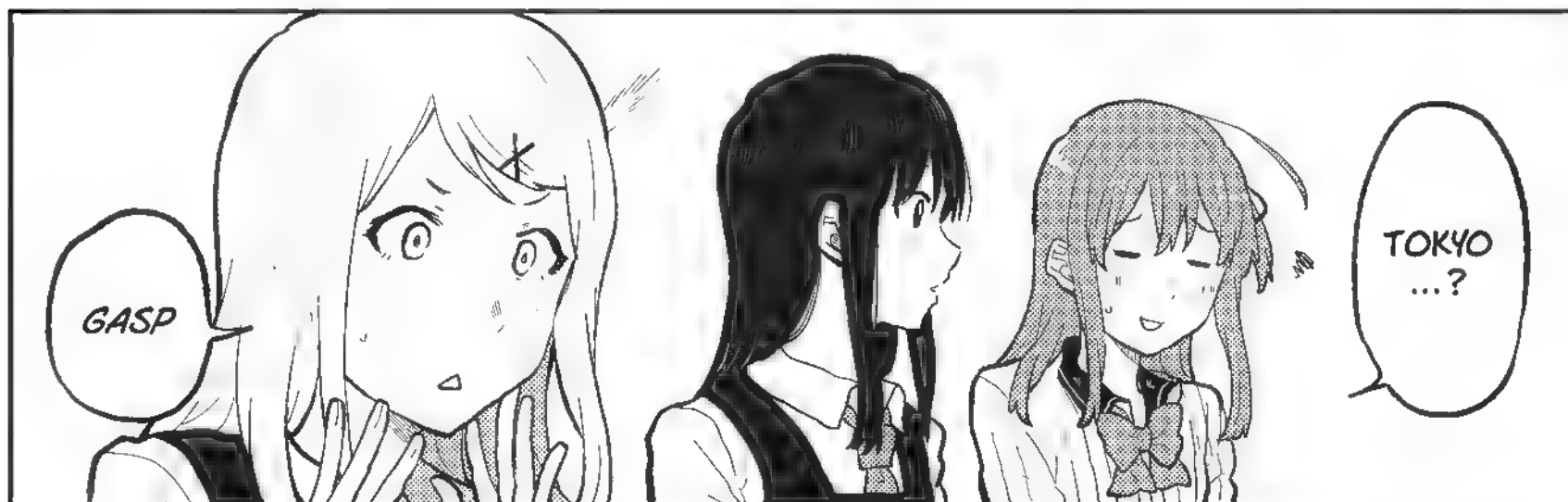
AND
COTTON
CANDY!
ALL MY
DREAMS
WILL
COME
TRUE!

I
WANNA
EAT
CREPES
IN
HARAJUKU.



WE'RE
GONNA DO
THAT TOO,
RIGHT?

Whoa.



GASP

TOKYO
...?



Hmm...

YEAH,
IT'S
NOTH-
ING
NEW.



OH,
RIGHT!
YOU'RE
FROM
TOKYO!

SO I
GUESS
THAT
SOUNDS
BORING,
HUH?





...YOU
STILL
WEAR
YOUR OLD
UNIFORM.

I'VE
NOTICED
...

I MEAN,
IF THIS
IS JUST
A TRIP?

KOFF
CHOKÉ
GAG



I
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT'S
GOING
TO
HAPPEN
...

...BUT
DAD IS
GOING TO
BE OVER-
SEAS FOR
A WHILE...

...SO I
THINK I'LL
BE HERE
UNTIL GRADU-
ATION.



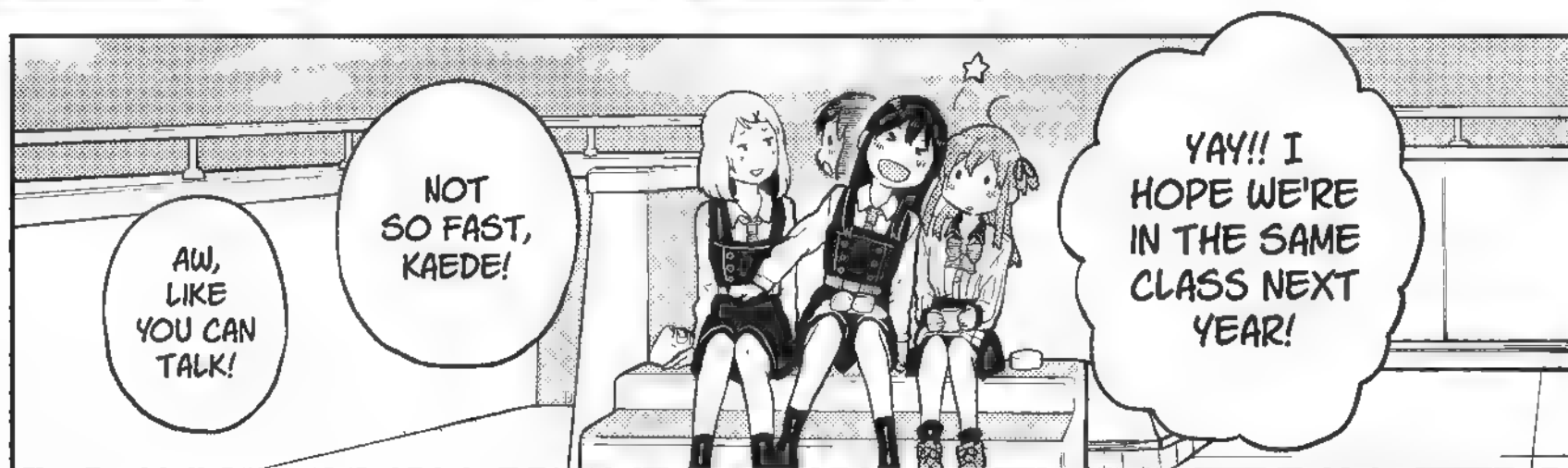
SO I'M
AFRAID
YOU'RE
JUST HERE
TEMPO-
RARILY.

You
okay?

I
DIDN'T
MEAN IT
LITER-
ALLY!



AT
LEAST, I
HOPE
SO.



AW,
LIKE
YOU CAN
TALK!

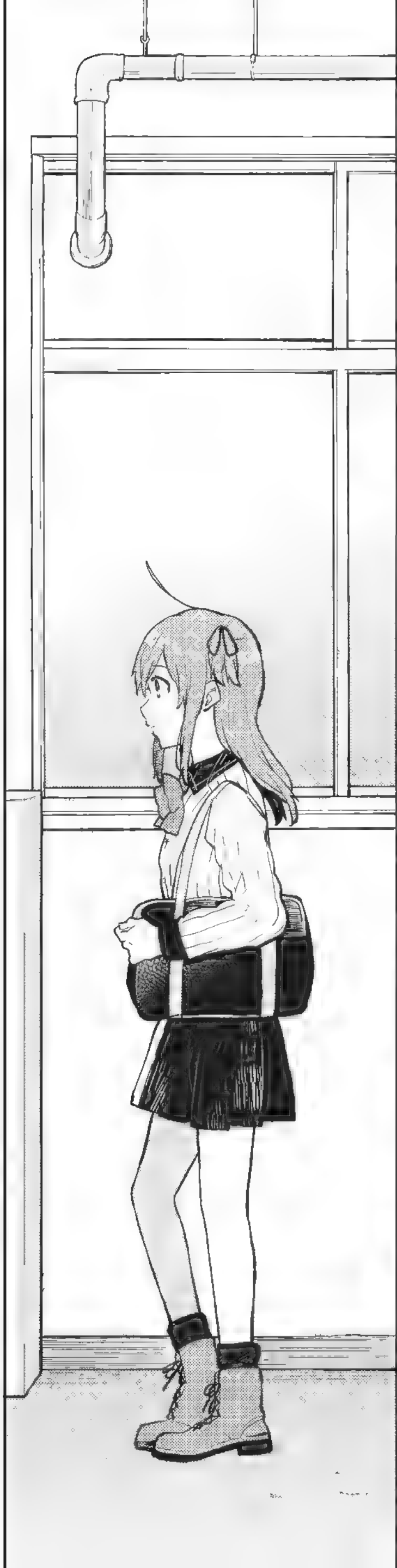
NOT
SO FAST,
KAEDE!

YAY!! I
HOPE WE'RE
IN THE SAME
CLASS NEXT
YEAR!

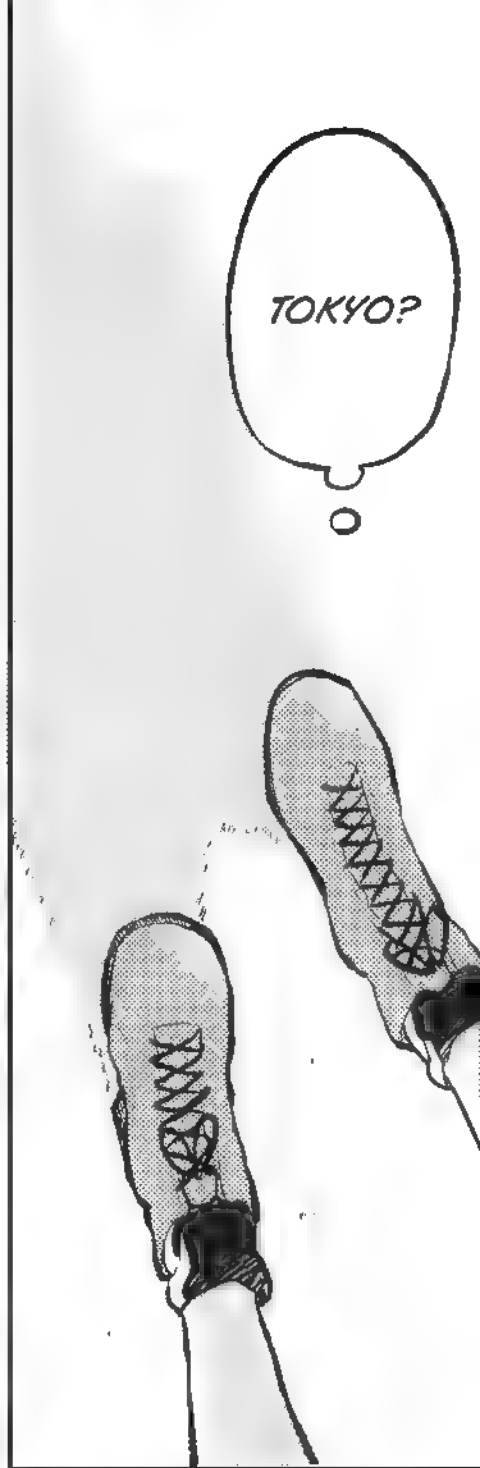


Bye-
bye!

BING
BONG
BING



HONAMI
WILL BE
GONE
FOR FIVE
DAYS.



TOKYO?

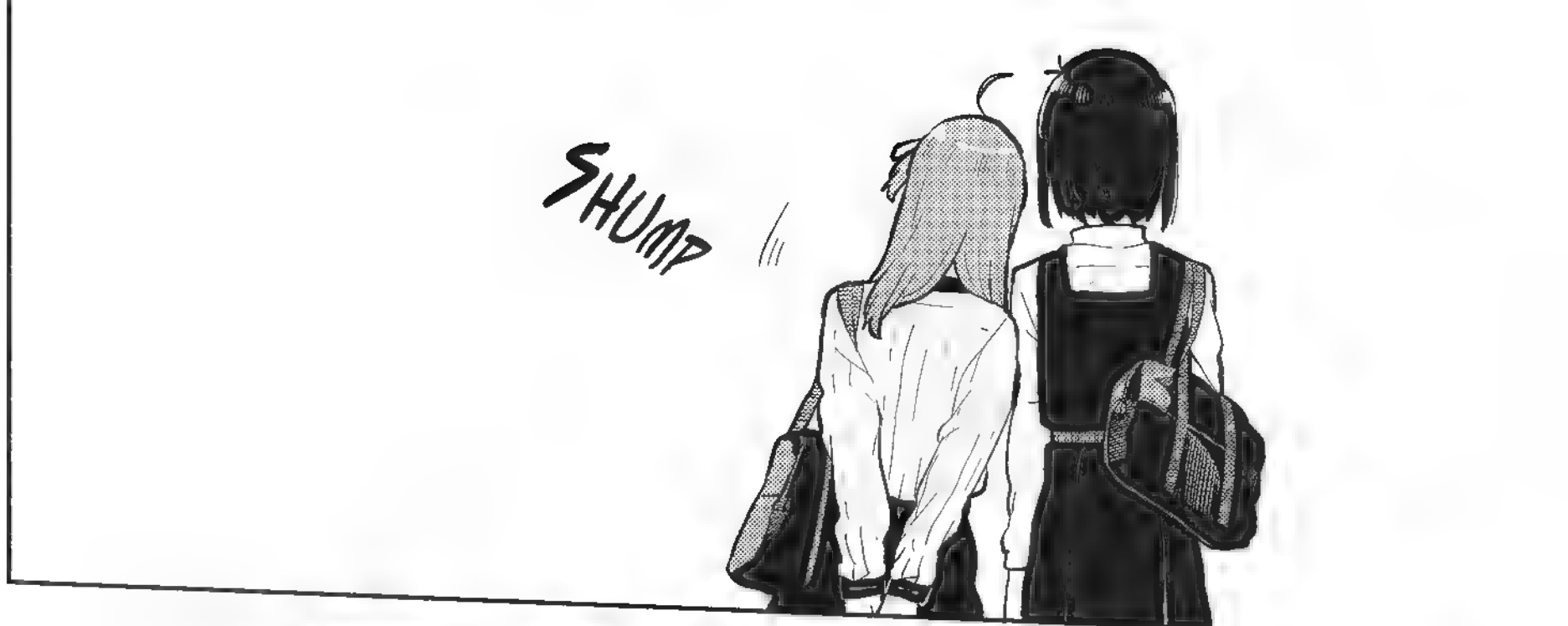


WE'VE
BEEN SO
BUSY WE
BARELY
SEE EACH
OTHER.









It's not
fair to say
something
like that...



...and
then act
completely
normal.



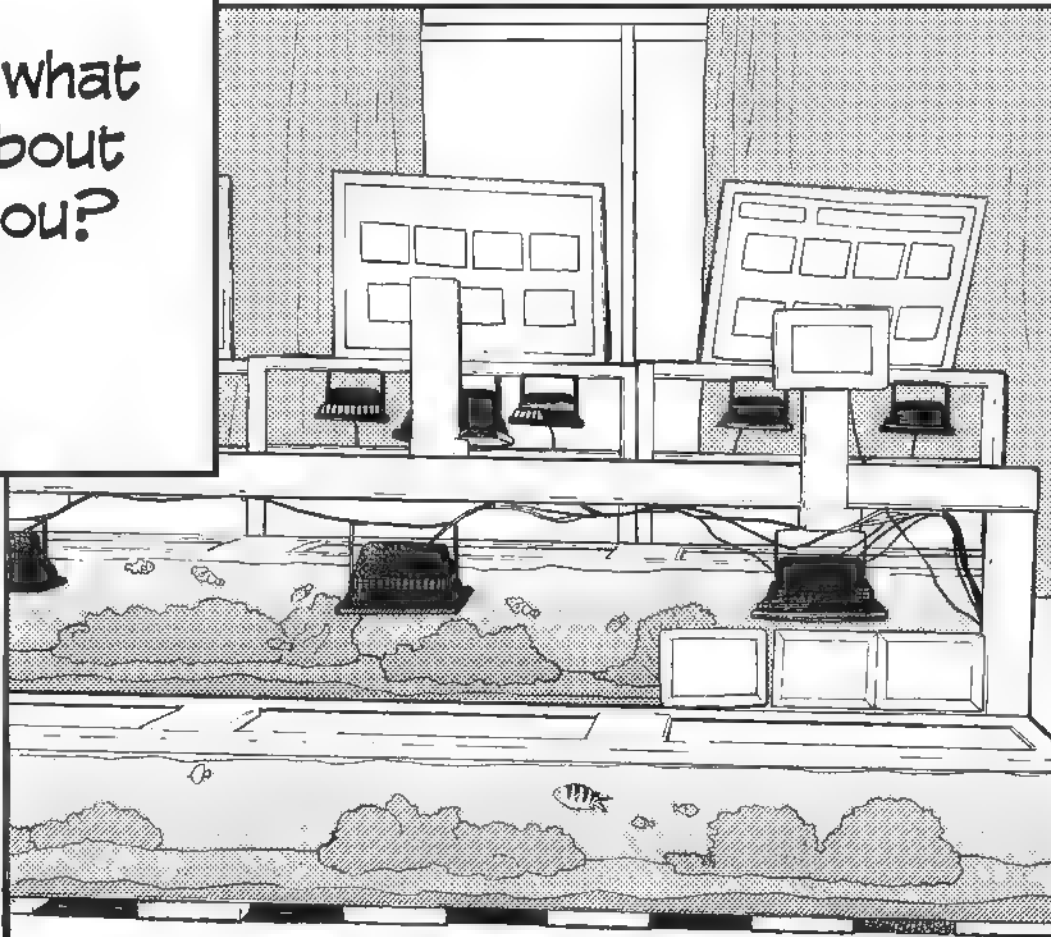


Will I
really get
homesick?



Konatsu
...


...what
about
you?



HONAMI?



Will
you be
lonely
without
me?

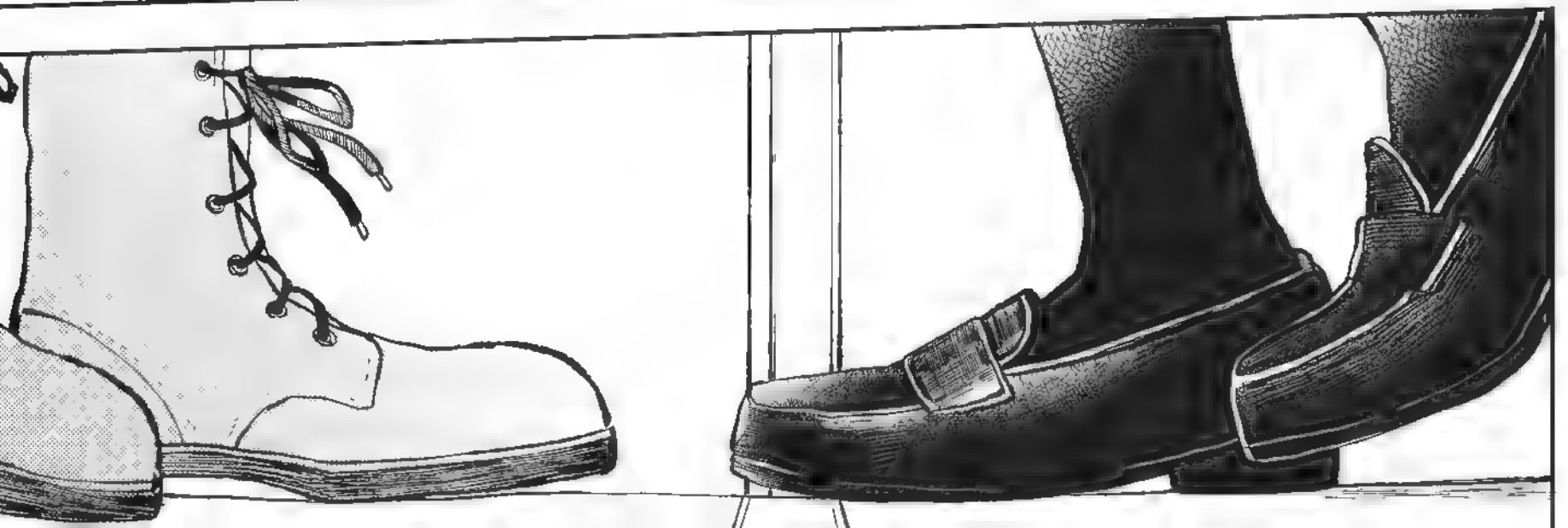
A black and white manga-style illustration showing two hands clasped together. The hand on the left is wearing a dark wristband. The hand on the right is wearing a light-colored sleeve. The background is plain white.

Or do
you want
to stay
together
forever?

A black and white manga-style illustration of a young girl with short, dark hair. She has a wide, open-mouthed smile and her eyes are squeezed shut, suggesting she is shouting or cheering. She is wearing a light-colored top.

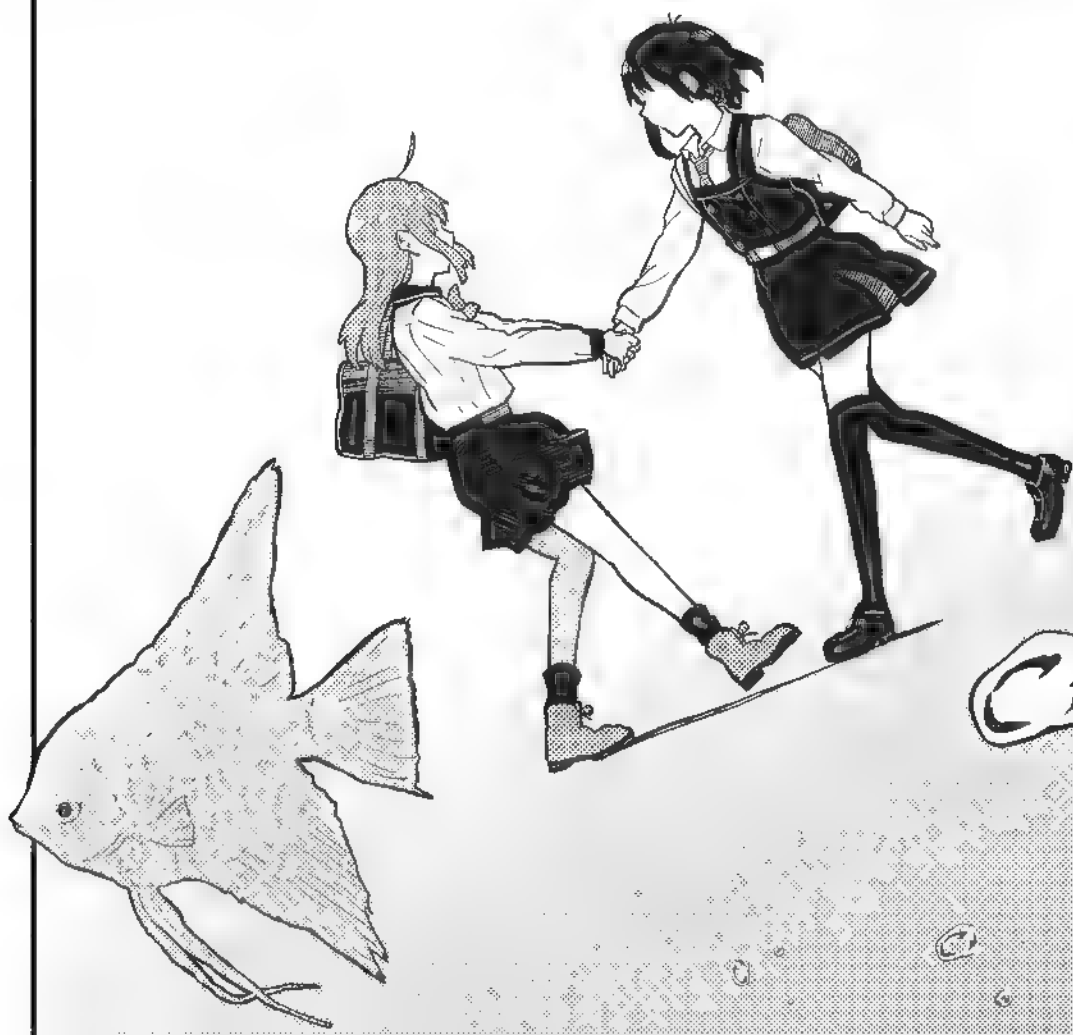
COME
ON!

WE'VE
GOT
CLUB!

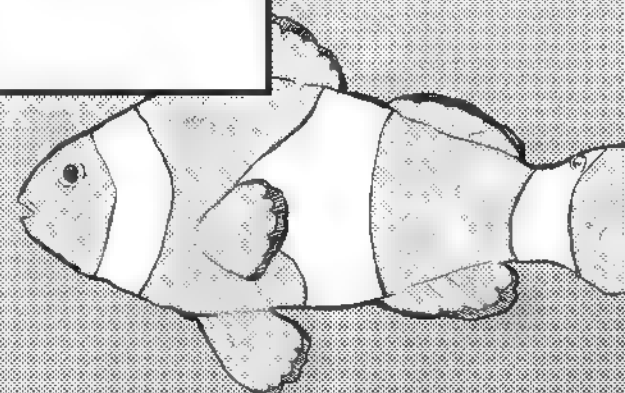
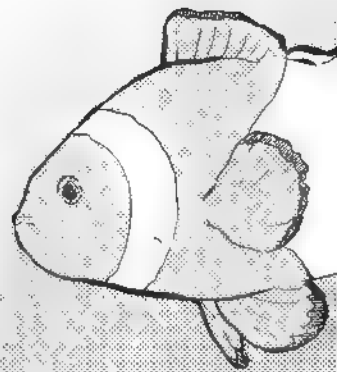




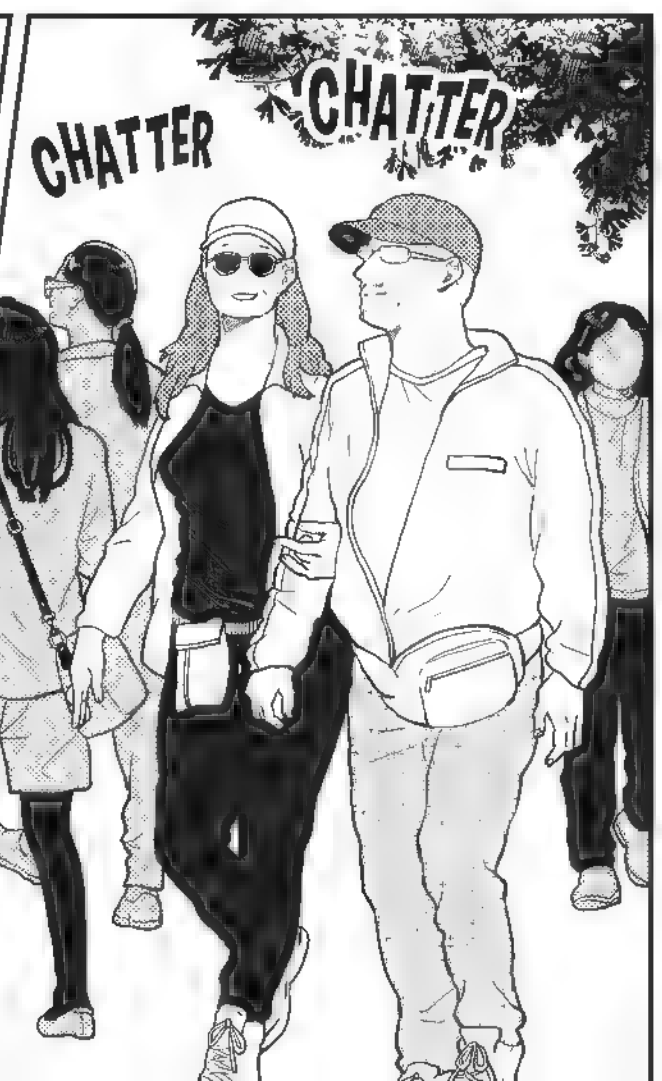
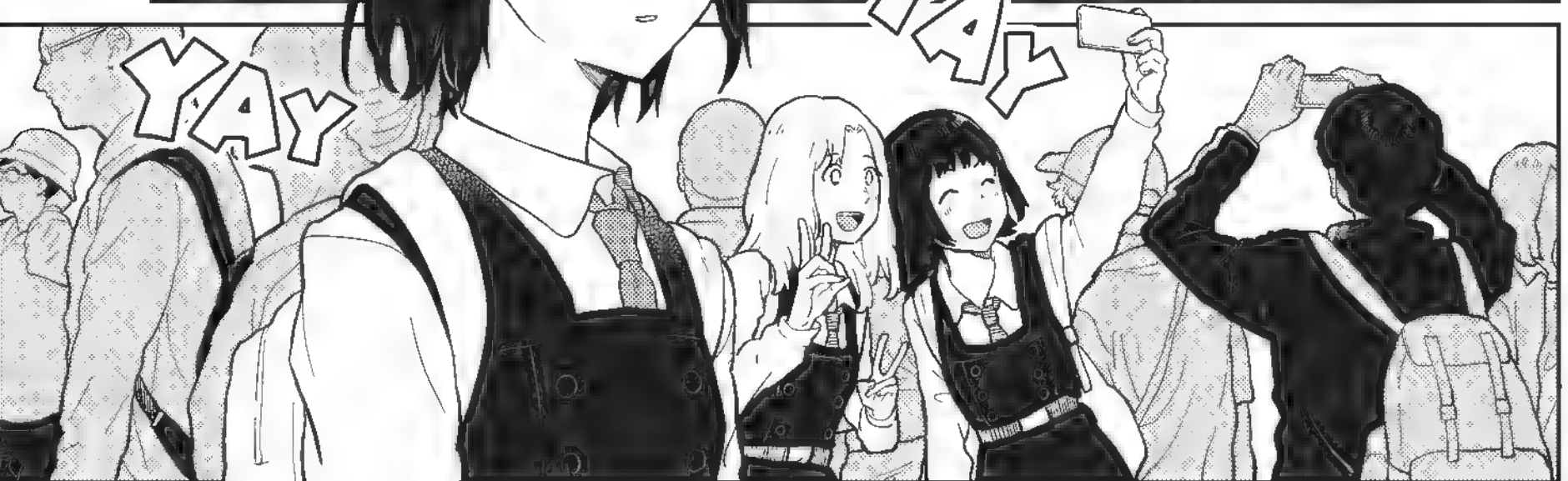
I
think
...



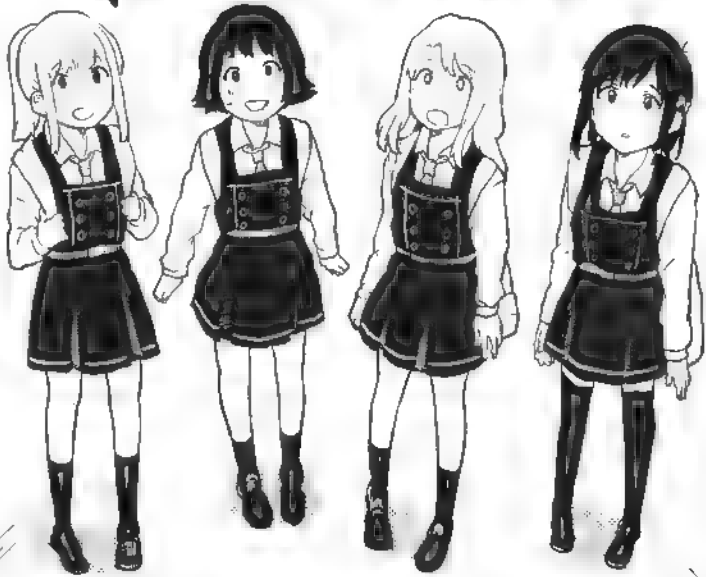
...that
maybe
I want
to.



Tank 15:
Koyuki Honami Can't Adapt



WHOAAA



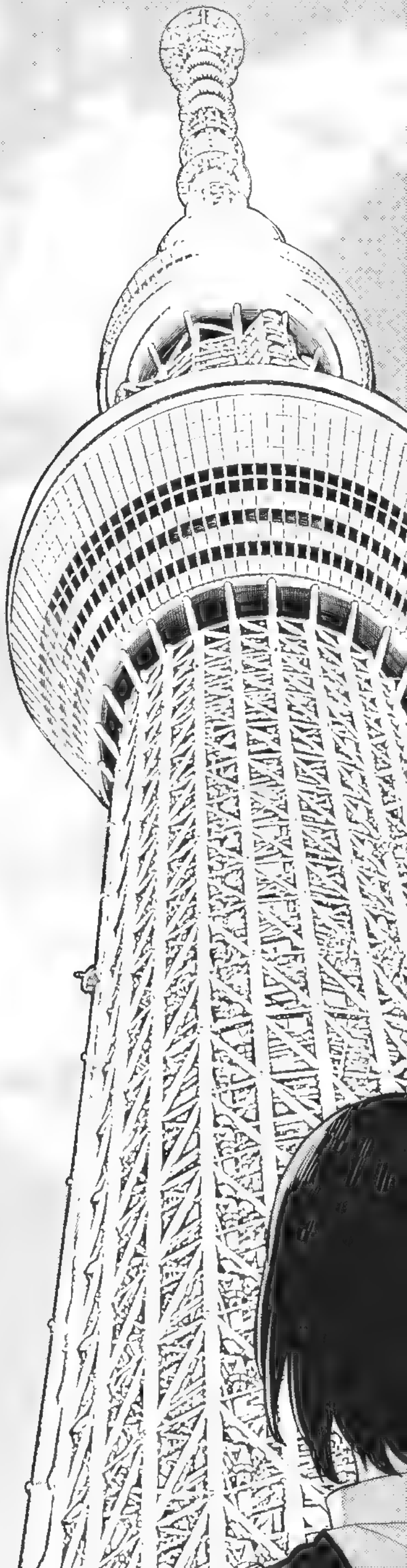
YEP!
C'MON!

HOLD
ON! ARE
WE REALLY
GONNA
CLIMB
THAT?!



But I
don't
wan-
naaaa
!!!!

LOOK-
ING
AT IT
MAKES
ME
DIZZY!









Dad
can say
what he
wants,
but...



IS IT
REALLY
TRUE?



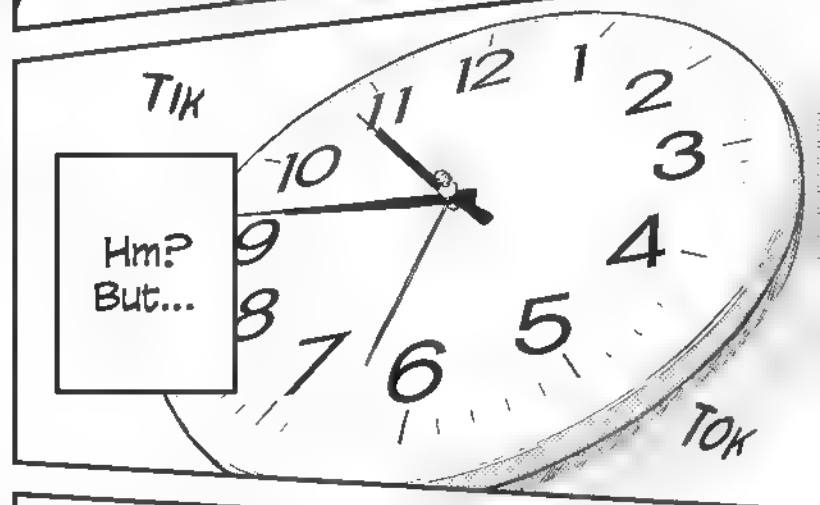
A
PILLOW
FIGHT
?

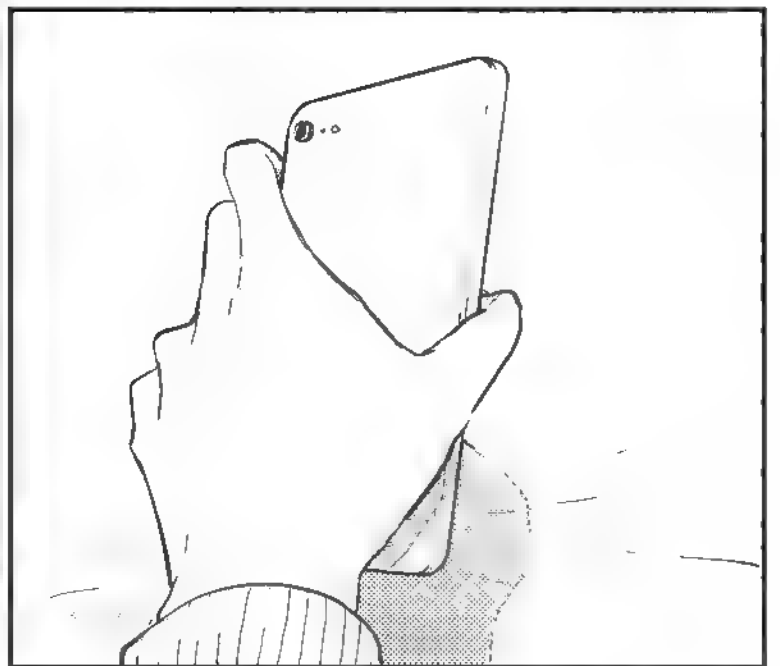


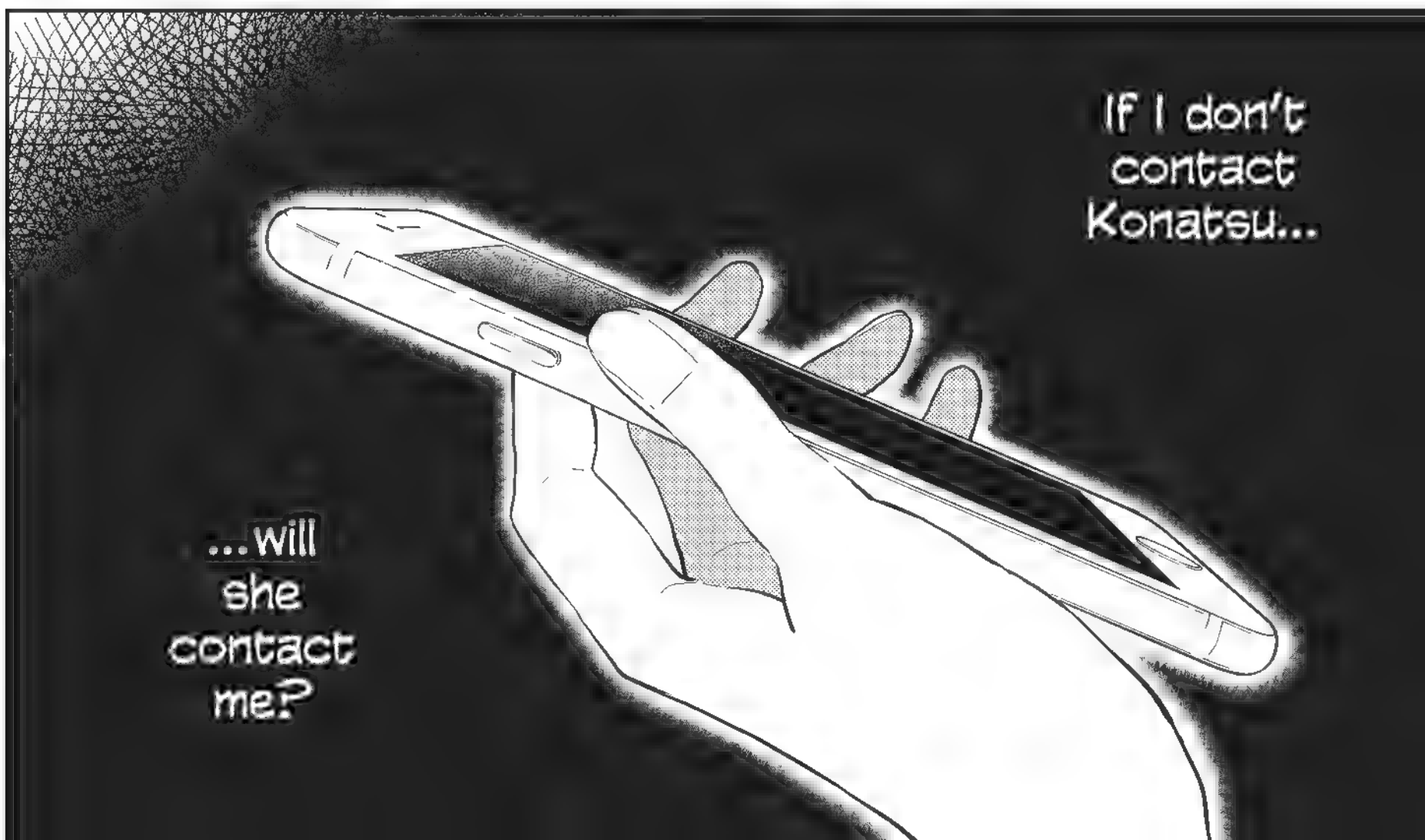
YEAH,
LET'S!!

...THEY'RE
HAVING
A PILLOW
FIGHT.
WANNA GO?

HEY
...









No,
I won't
test
her like
that!



Then I can
be sure of her
feelings...



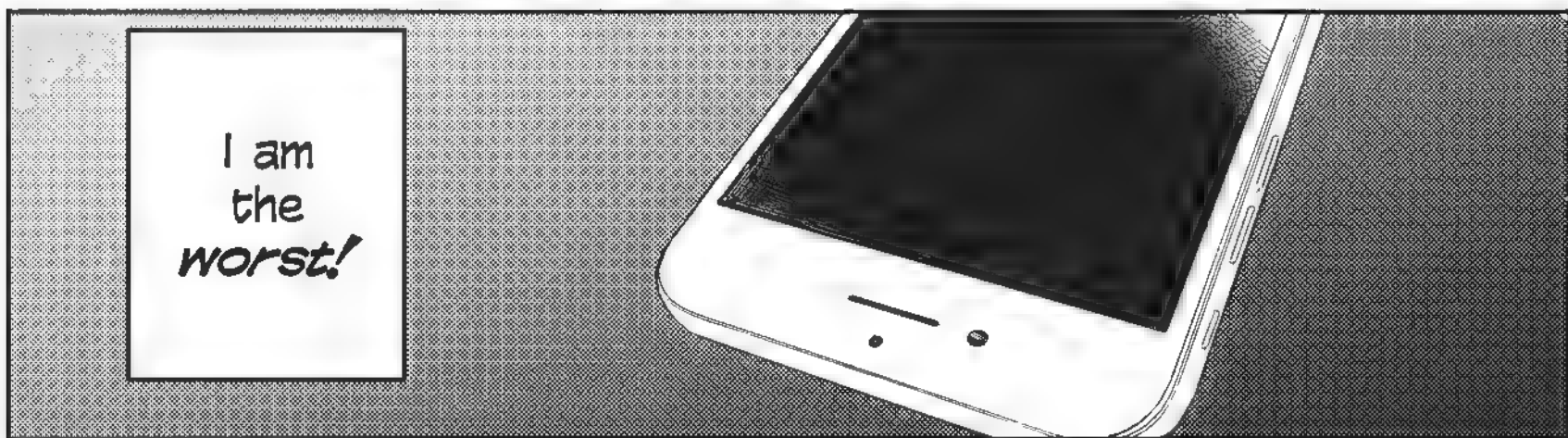
It's
not
fair.

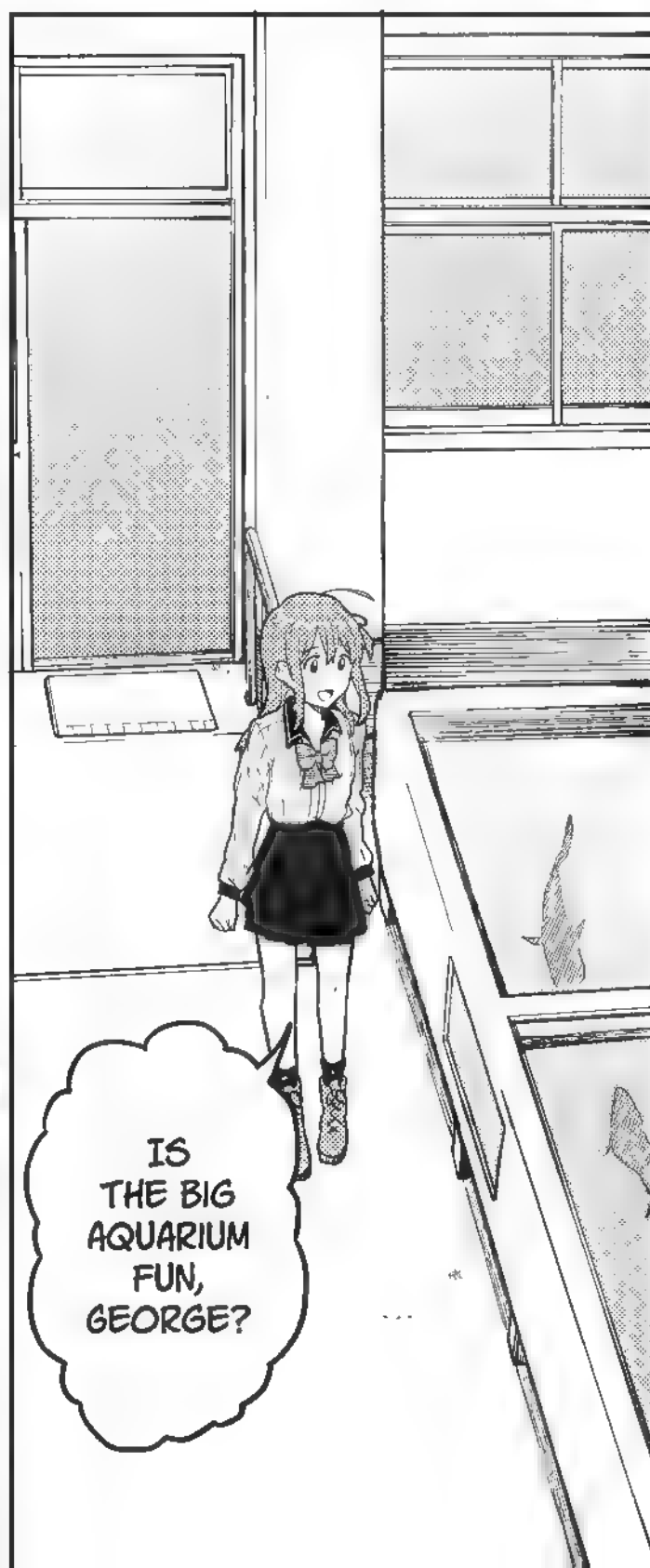
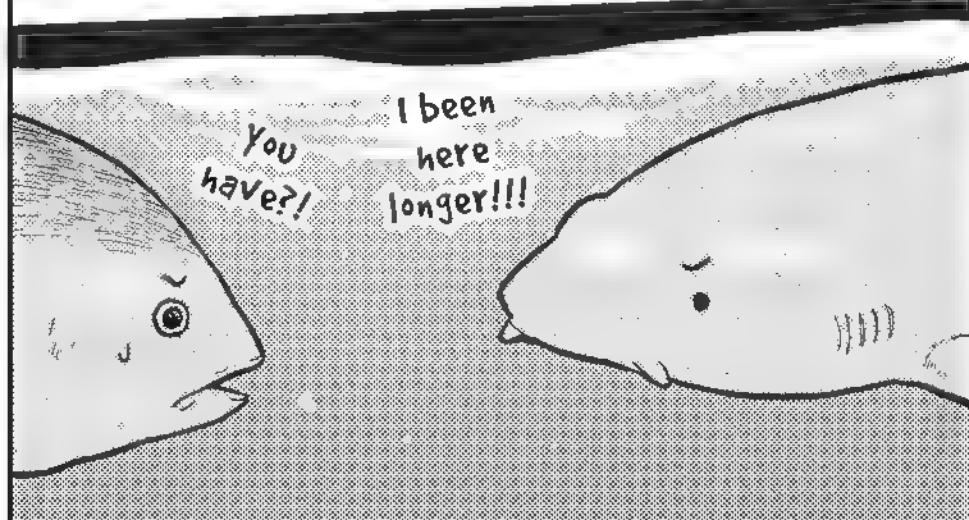
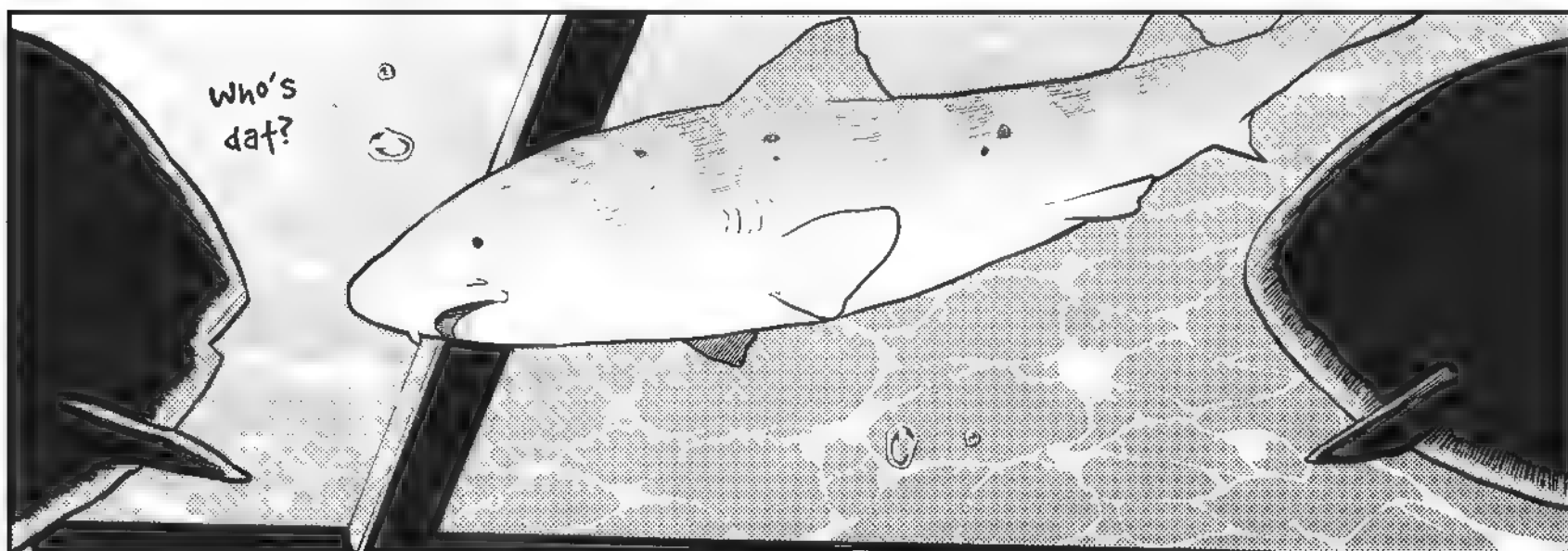


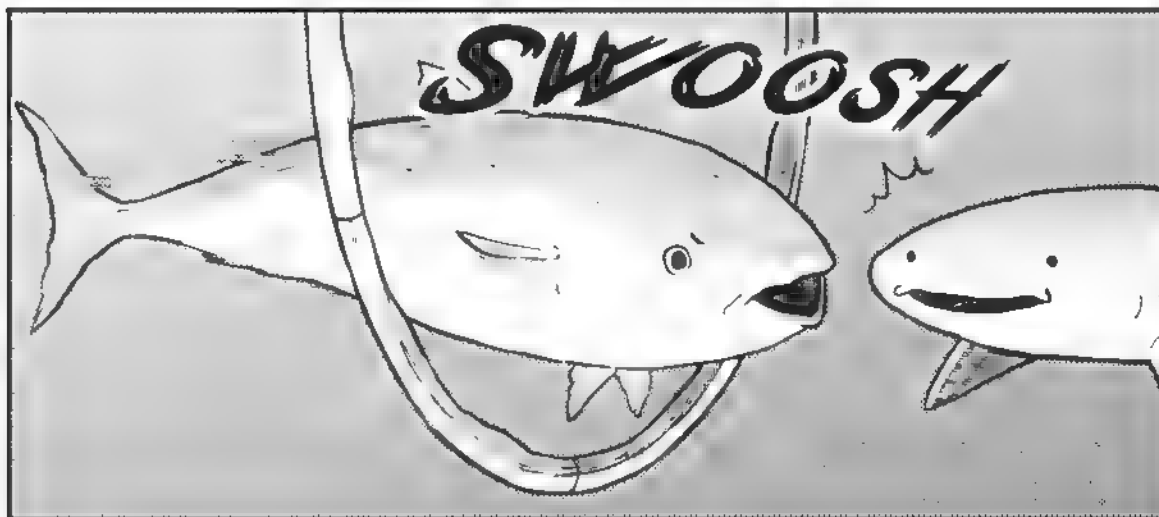
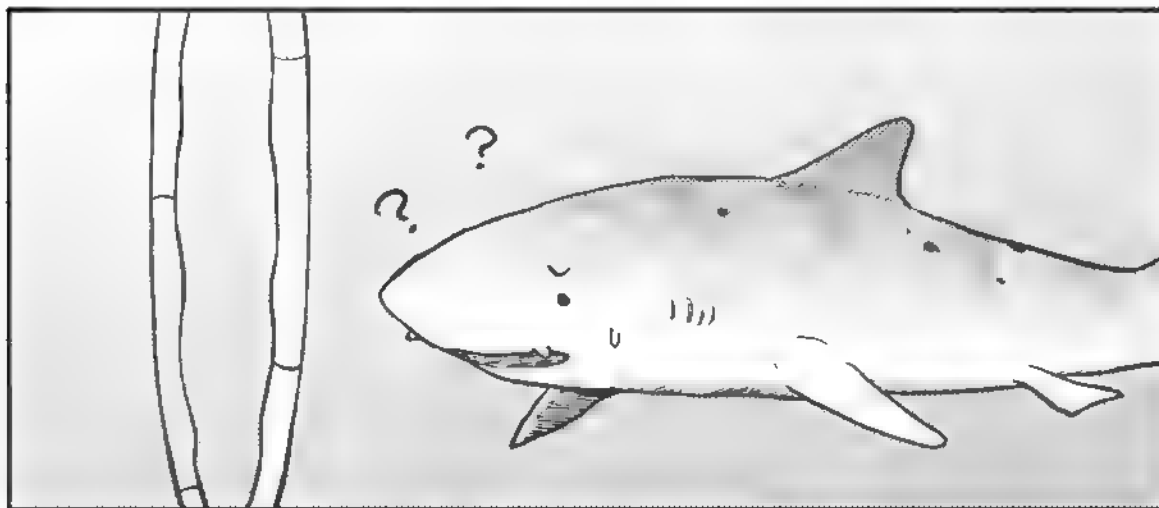
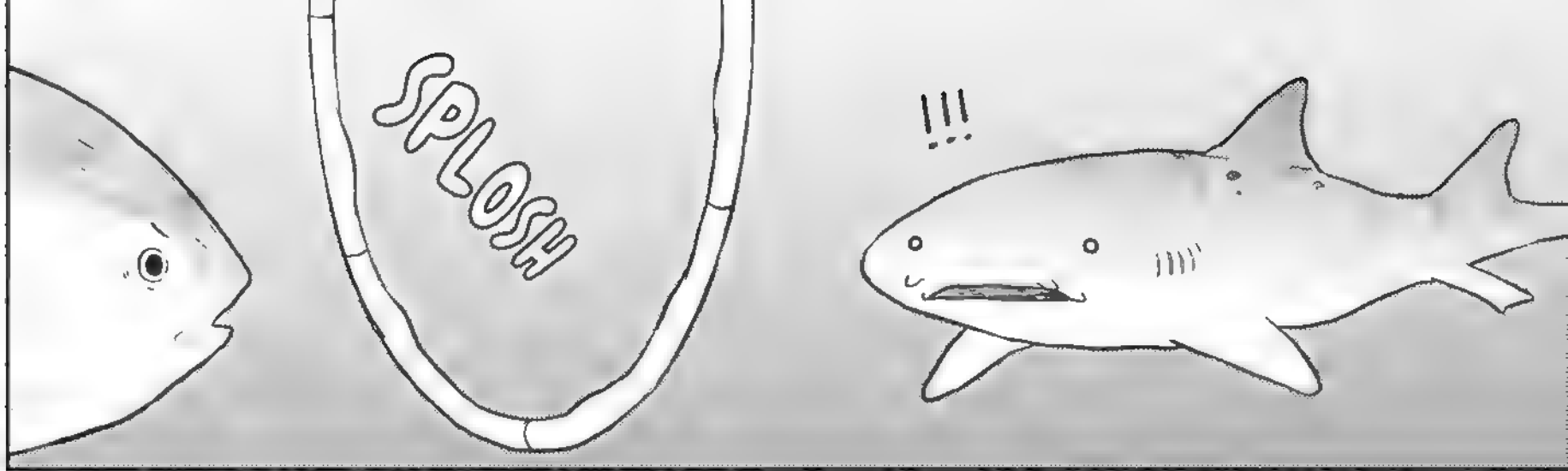
But...



That
would
be so
unfair.

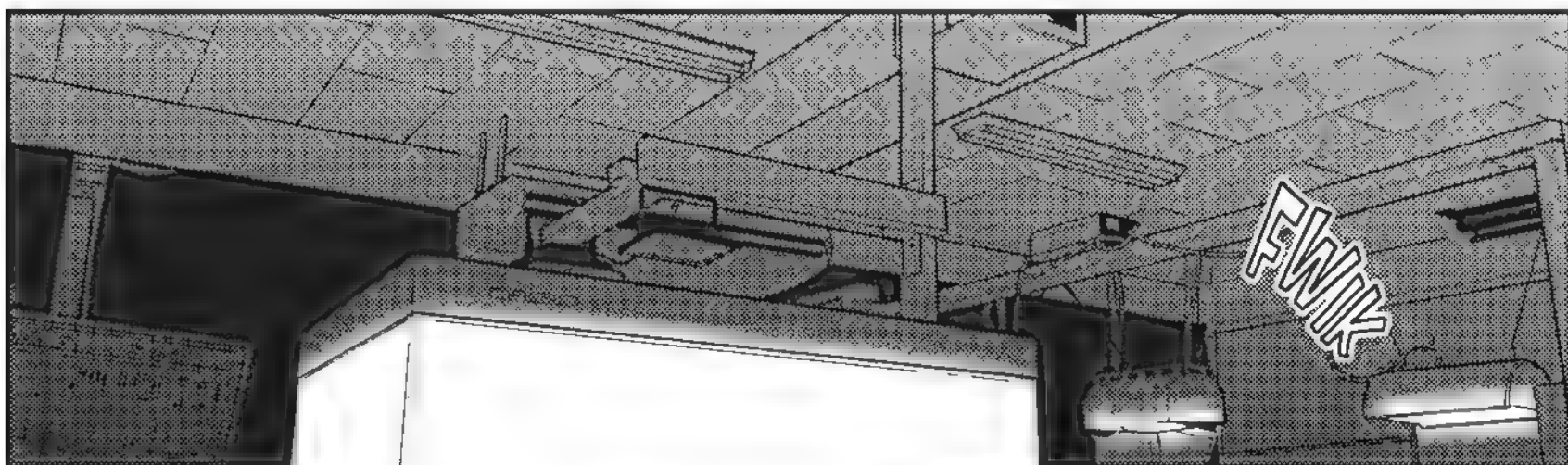








OR
DOES
HONAMI
HAVE
TO DO
IT?



FWIK



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO
TONIGHT?

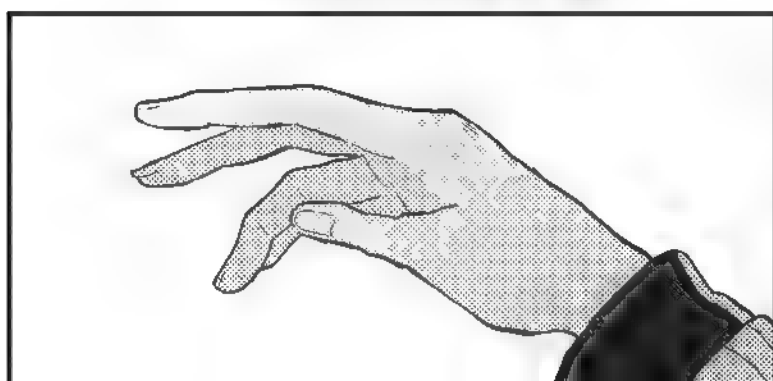
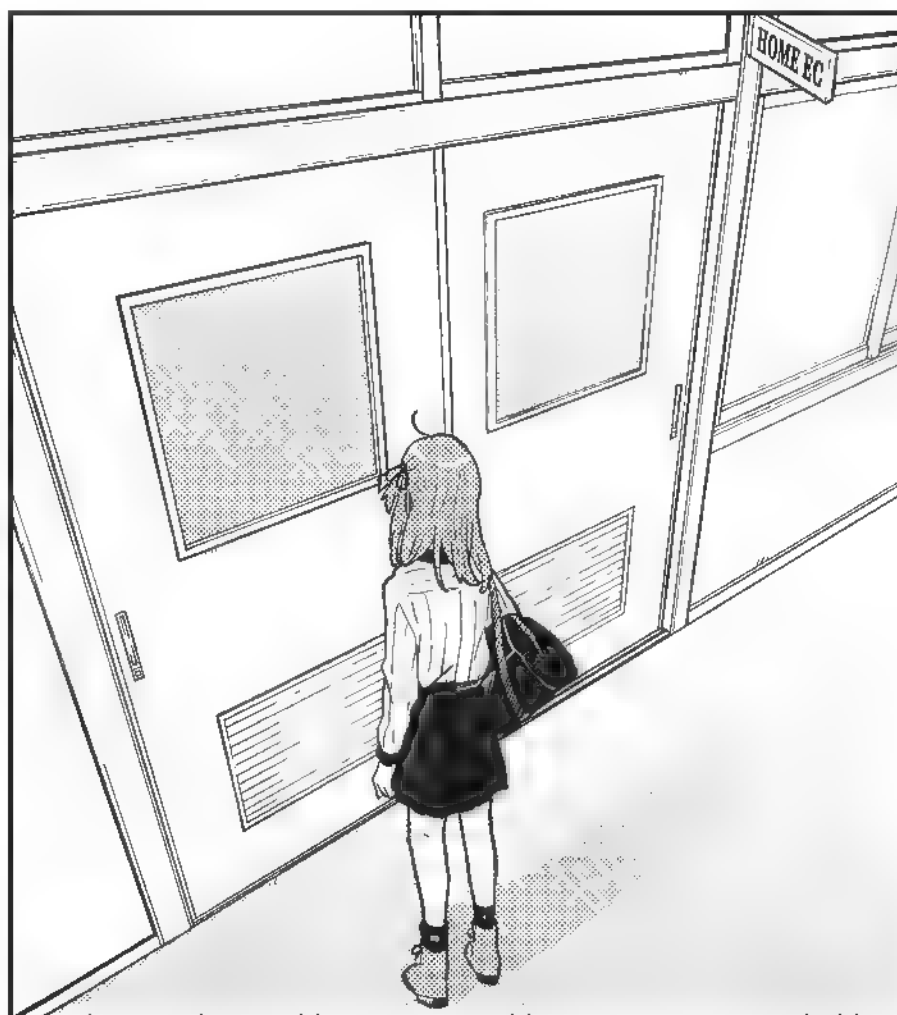
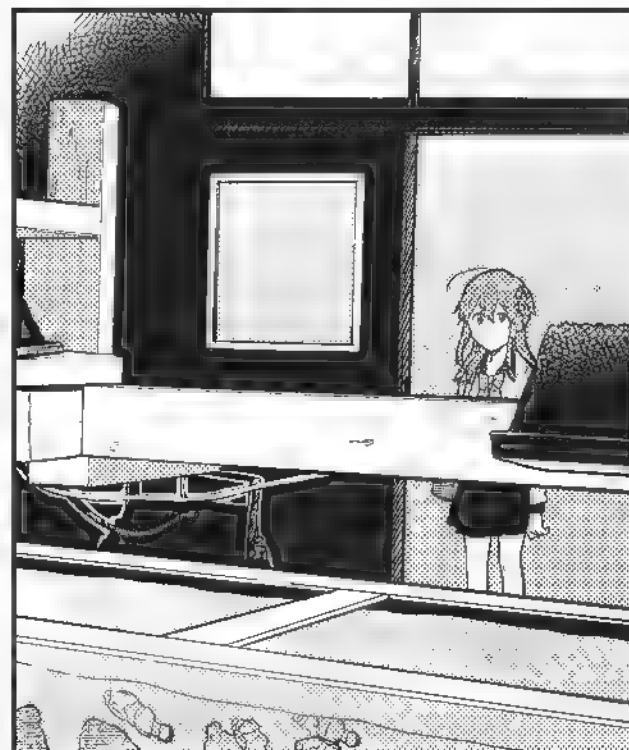
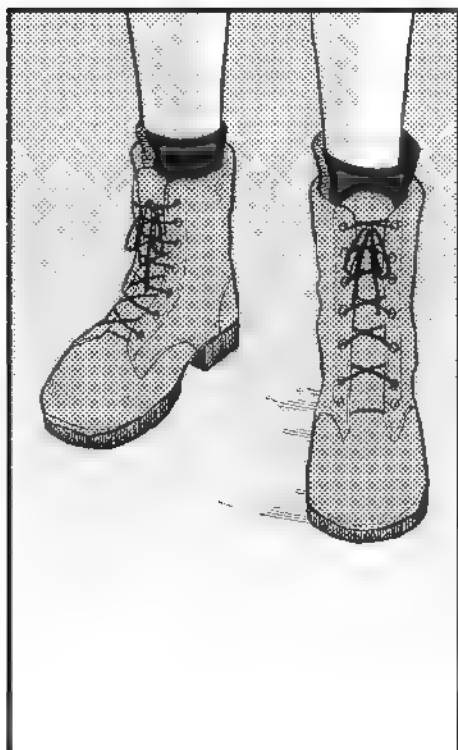
RATTLE
RATTLE



I
FINISHED
SOONER
THAN
EXPECTED.



WE
USUALLY
DRAG OUT
OUR CLUB
DUTIES
UNTIL
EVENING.







HUH?

...IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN HELP WITH?



SO...



SKWEEZ

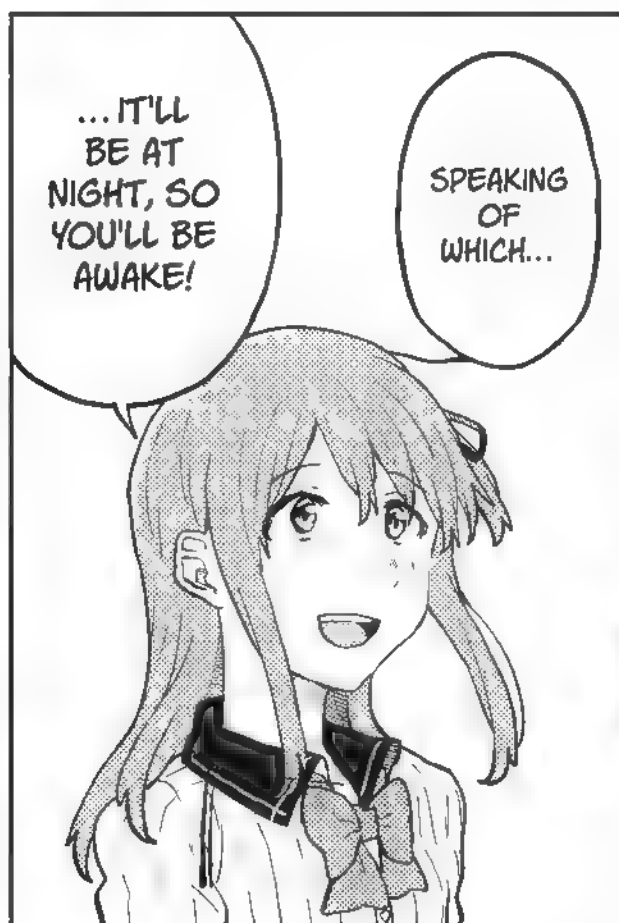
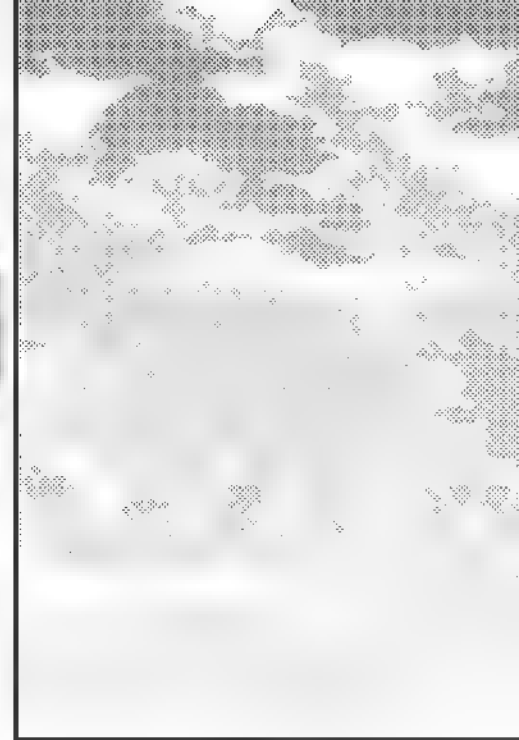
TELL ME THE TRUTH!

YOWCH!

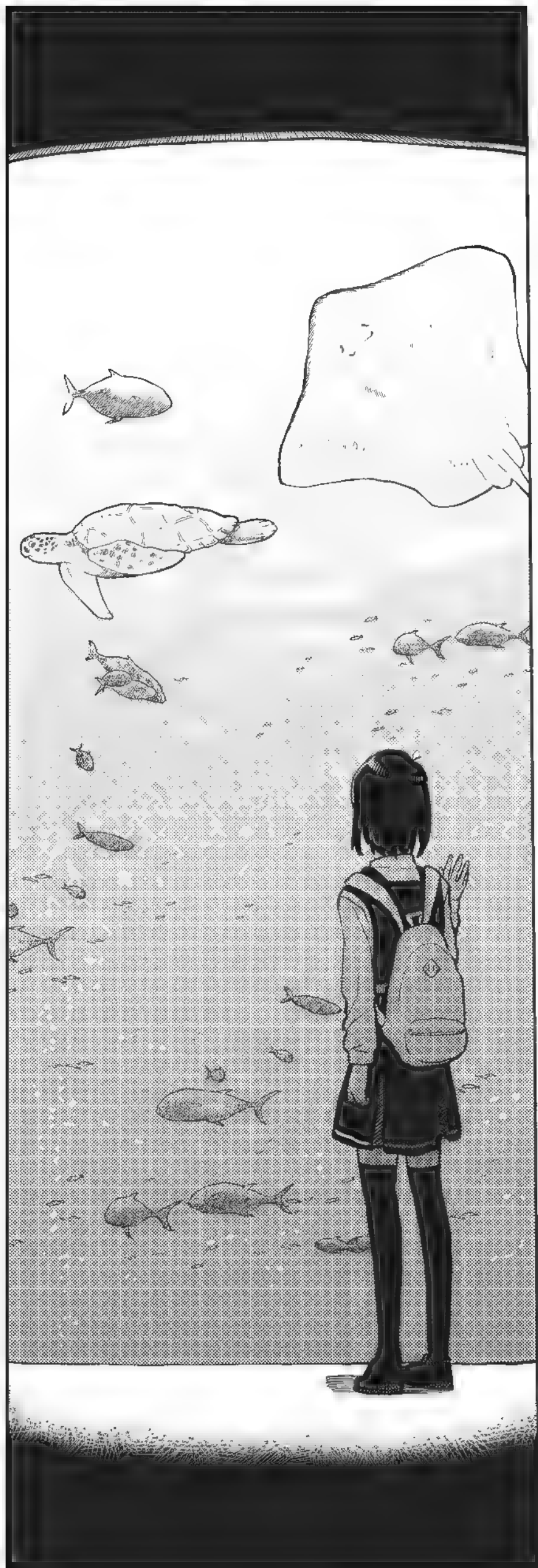


NO! I JUST TOOK IN A STRAY PUPPY!

...YOU PUT HER TO WORK?

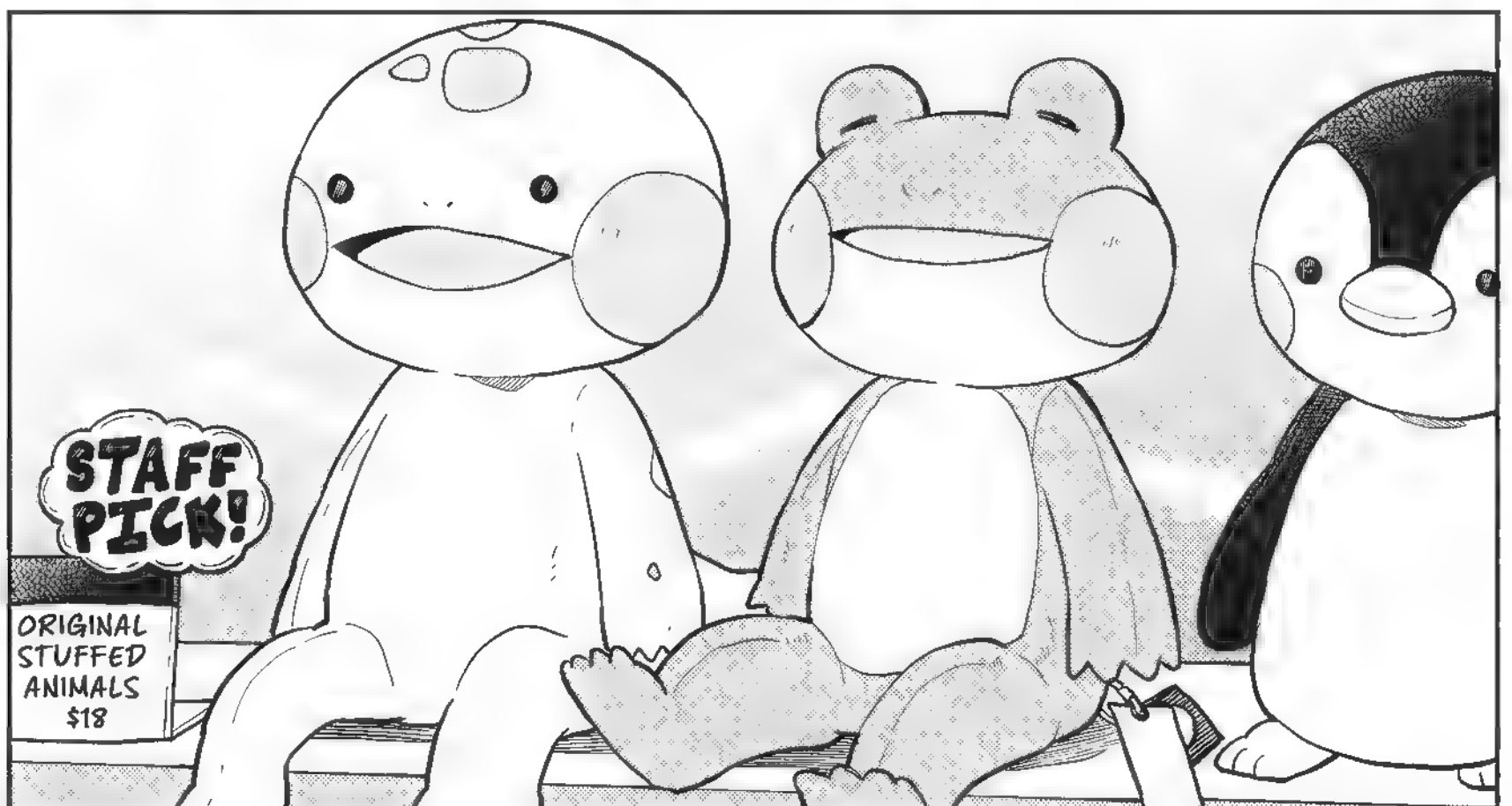






I'm
lonely,
Koyuki.

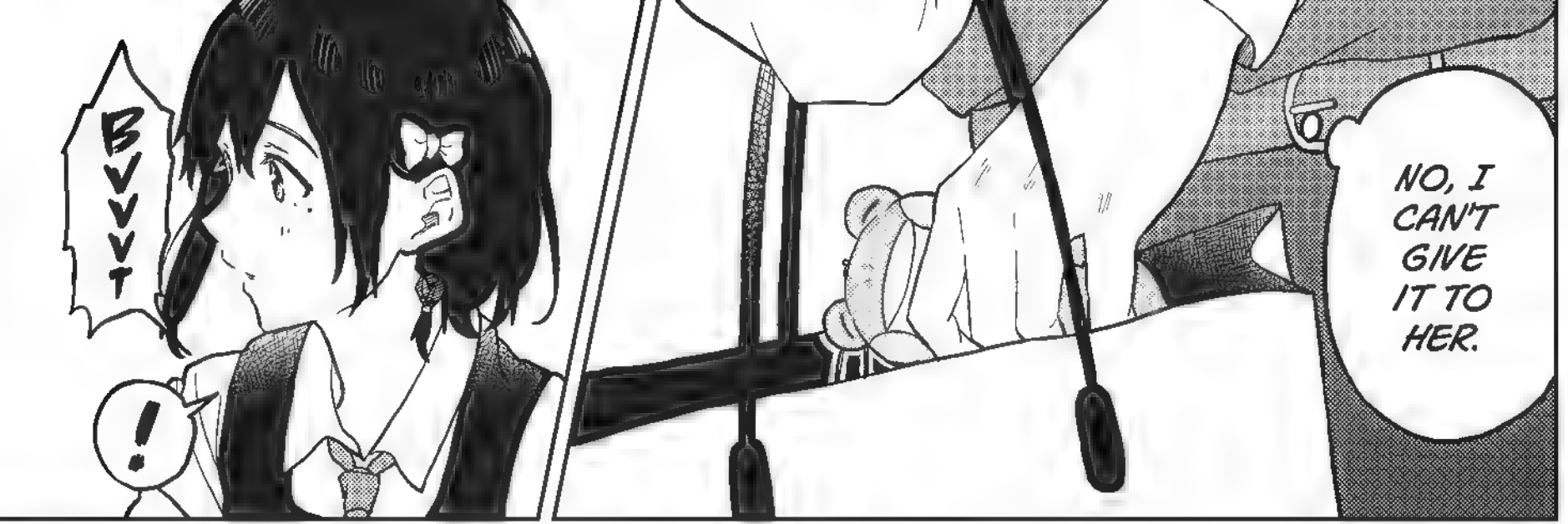


















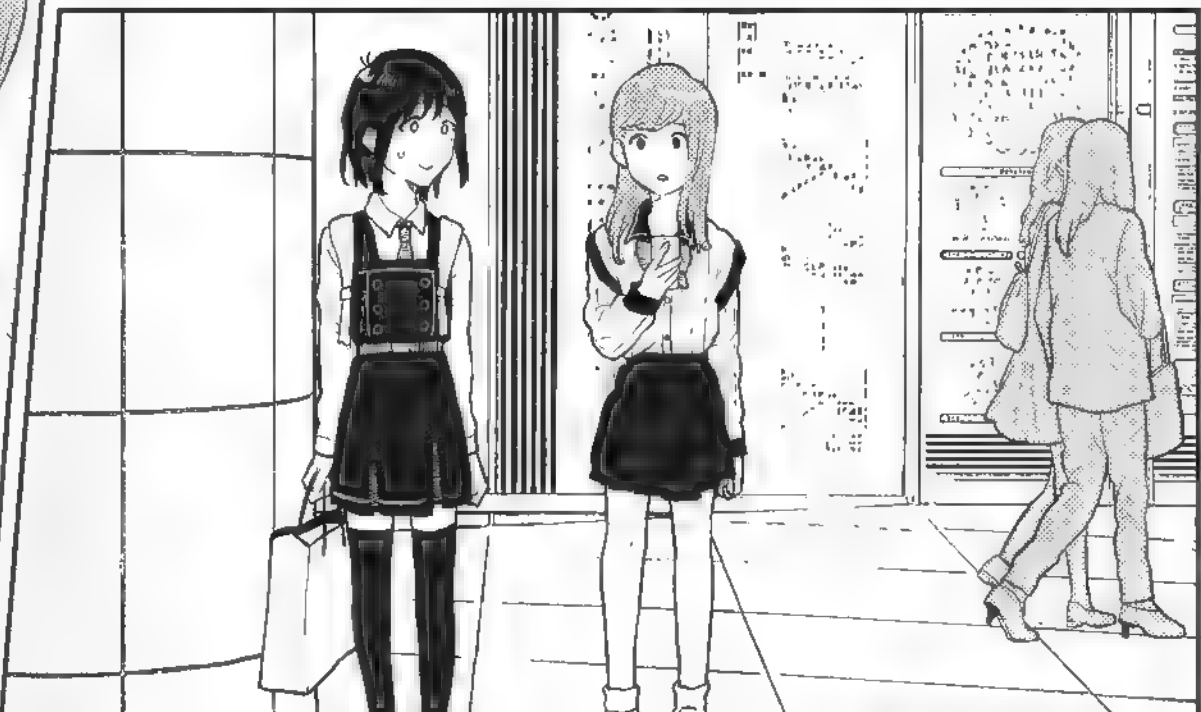


N-no!!
It's
nothing!!
Sorry
!!!!

YOU
NEED
SOME-
THIN'?



HMPH!
SHE
BETTER
BUY ME
DINNER
LATER!



...ARE
YOU
ON A
SCHOOL
TRIP?

YES...

WHERE
YOU
FROM?

EHIME.

OH...



NO, IT'S
NOT
NOTHING.



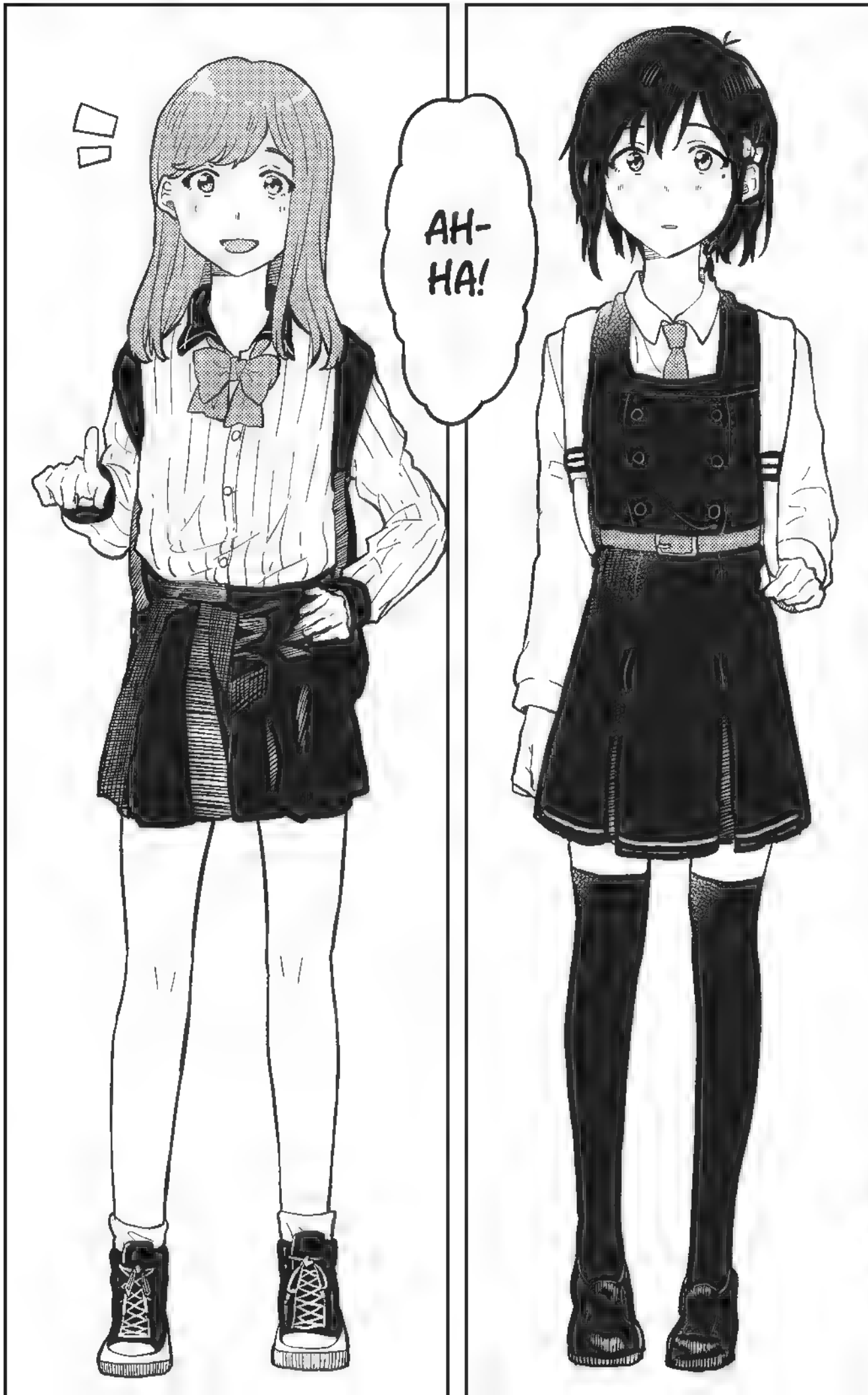
OH
HEY...



WHAT ABOUT IT?

DO I REALLY LOOK THAT WEIRD?

YOU'RE TOTALLY STARING.



AH-HA!



SORRY ...

IT'S YOUR UNIFORM.



BUT
YOU'RE
CUTE! AND
YOU HAVE
PLENTY
TO WORK
WITH!

YEAH,
WHAT A
WASTE!

OH, I
GET
IT!



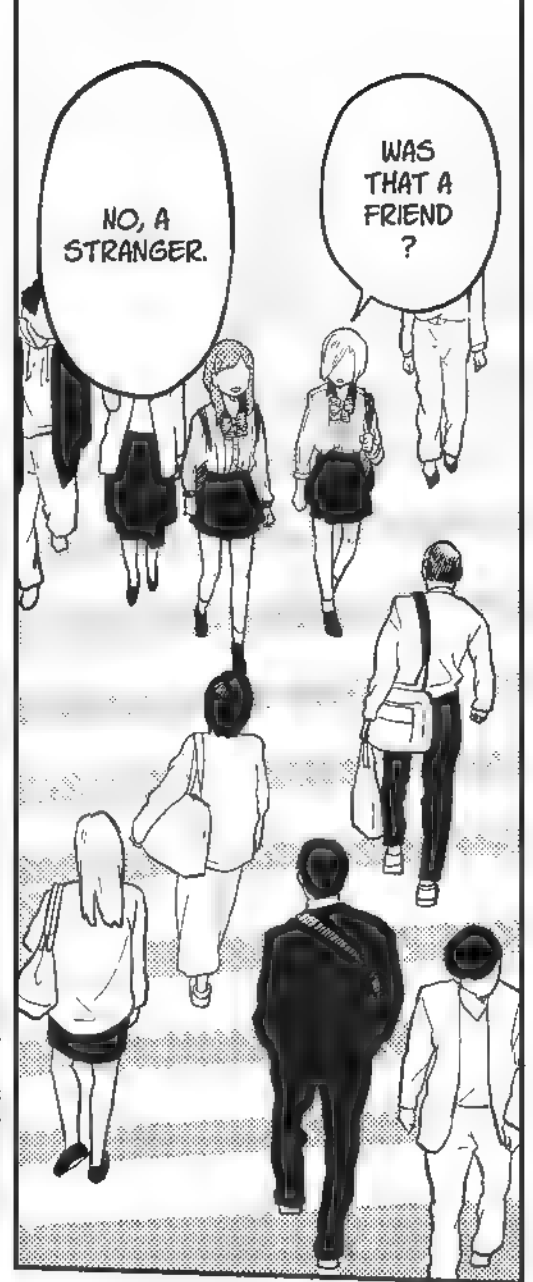
GRAB

ALLOW
ME...

FI

CK



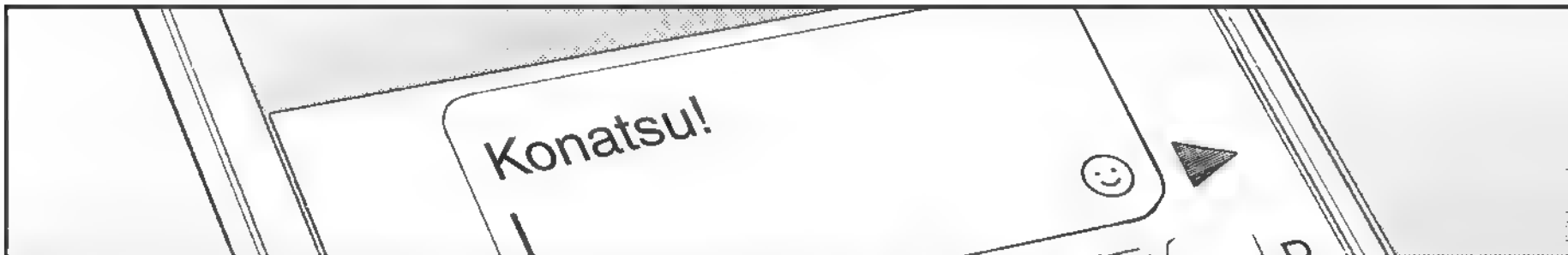
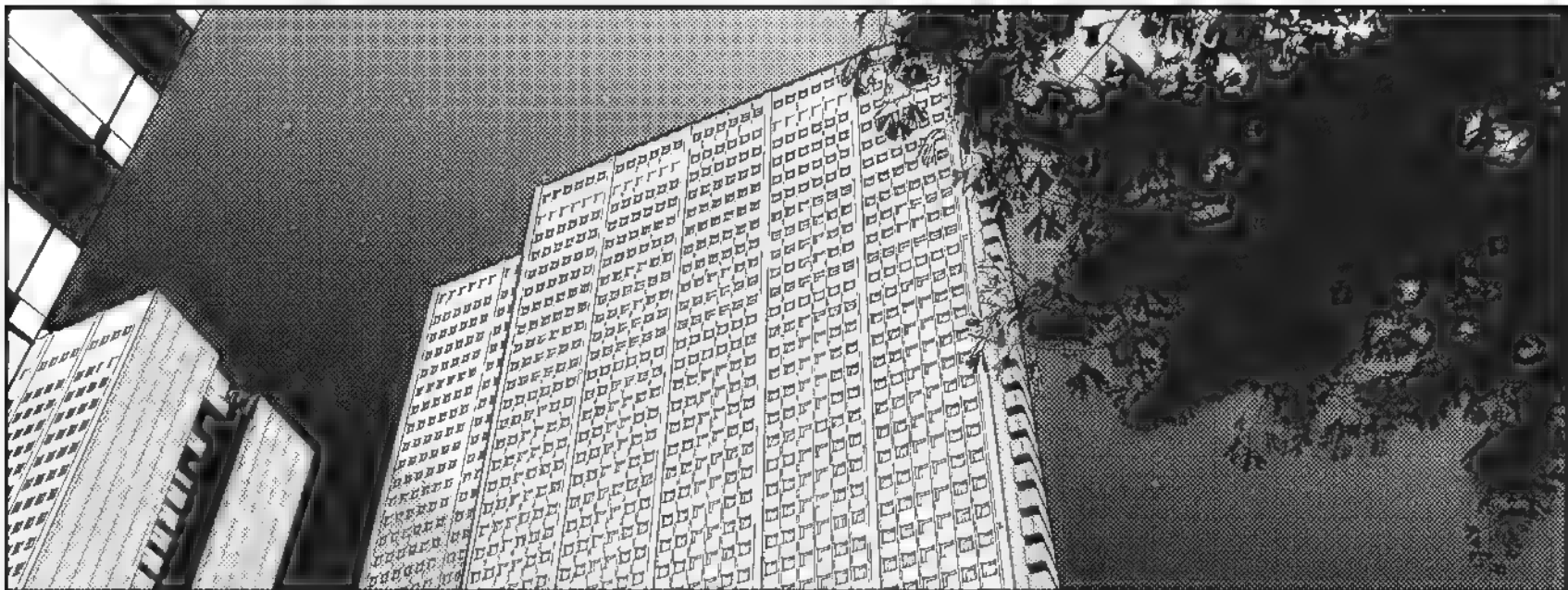




...but it
felt so
comfort-
able.

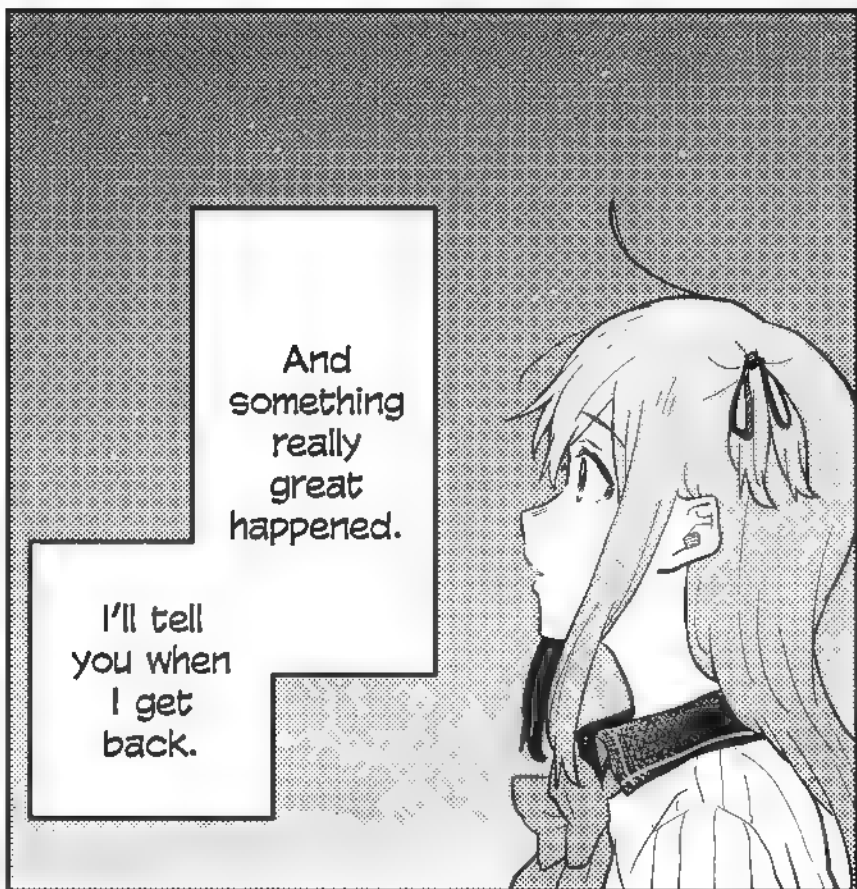


It was
such a
brief
encoun-
ter...





Actually,
there's
a *lot* I
want to
talk
about.



And
something
really
great
happened.

I'll tell
you when
I get
back.



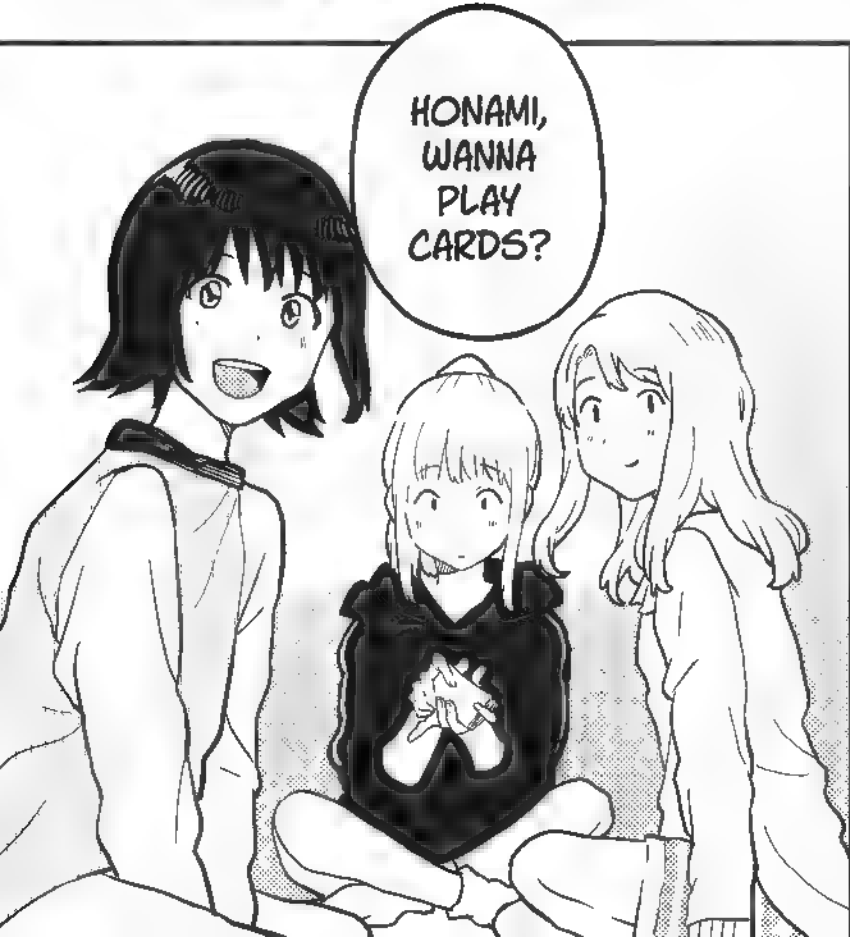
...
MAYBE
SIX?

WE
HAVE
TO TIDY
UP THE
ROOM,
SO...

WHAT
TIME
DO WE
GET UP
TOMOR-
ROW?

WAAH

**I DON'T
WANNA GO
HOME!!! I
NEED TEN
MORE
DAYS!!!**



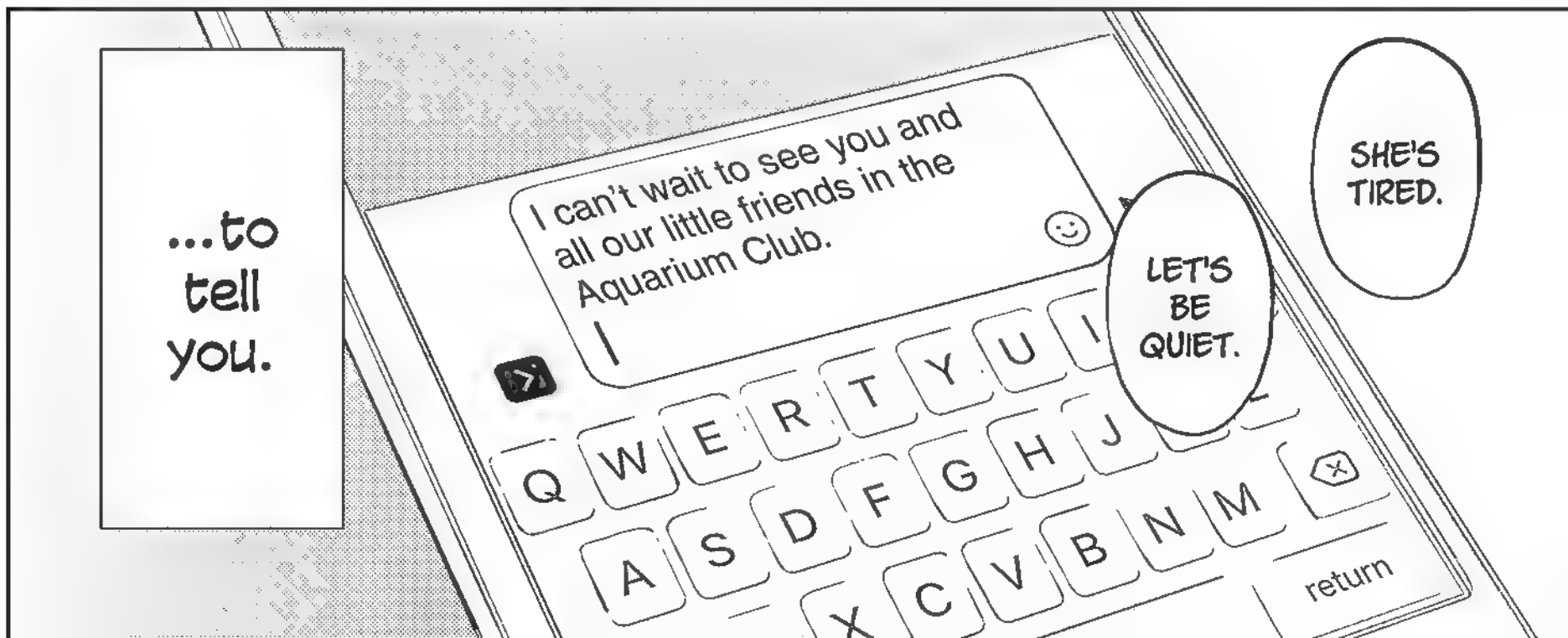
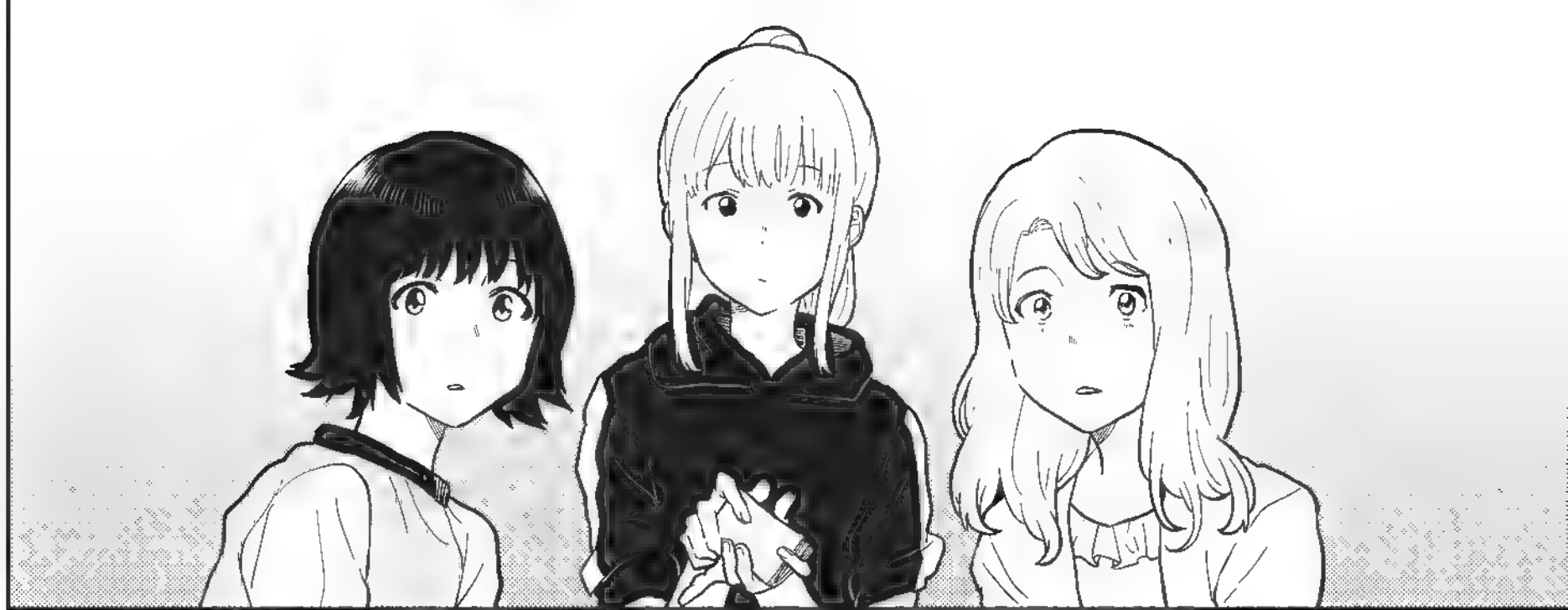
HONAMI,
WANNA
PLAY
CARDS?

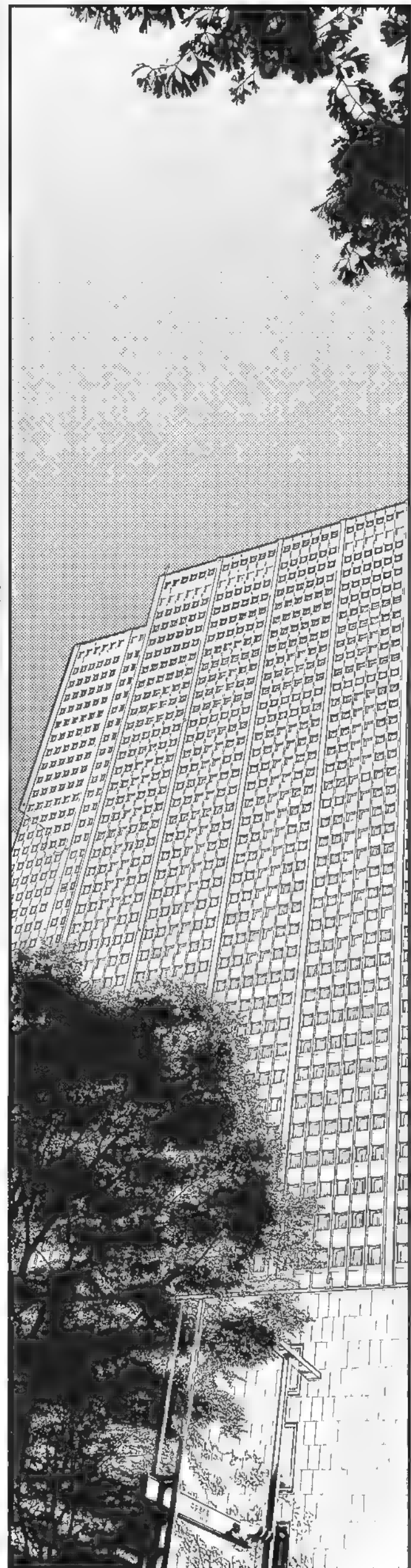
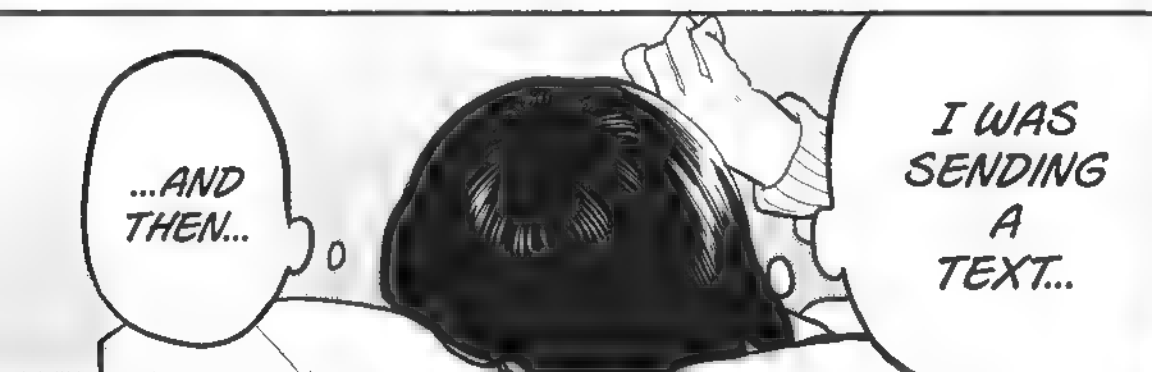


TOSS

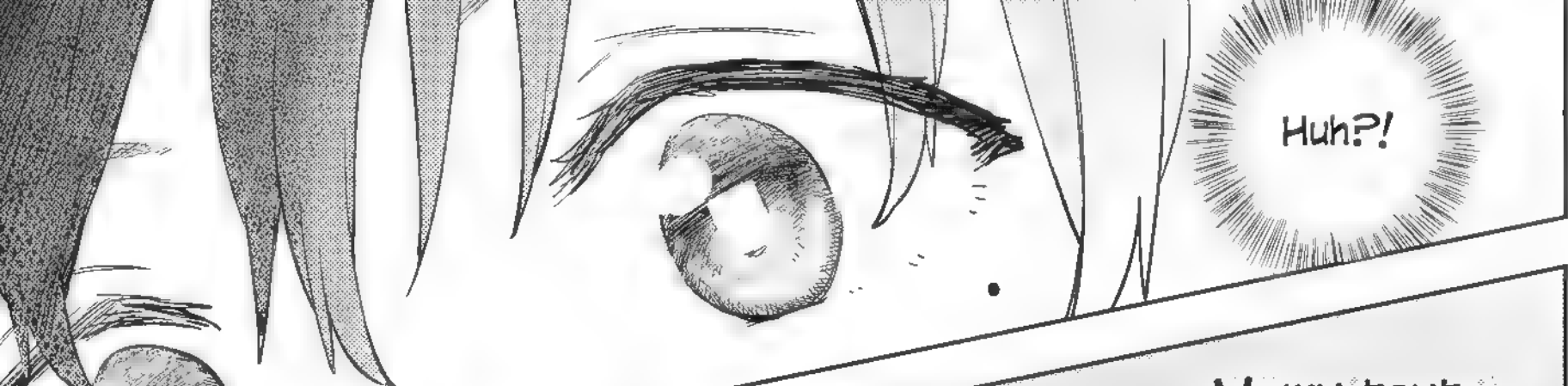
**DON'T
THINK
ABOUT
IT! IT'S
OUR LAST
NIGHT,
SO LET'S
PLAY!!!**

OKAY!









Huh?!



Which means...

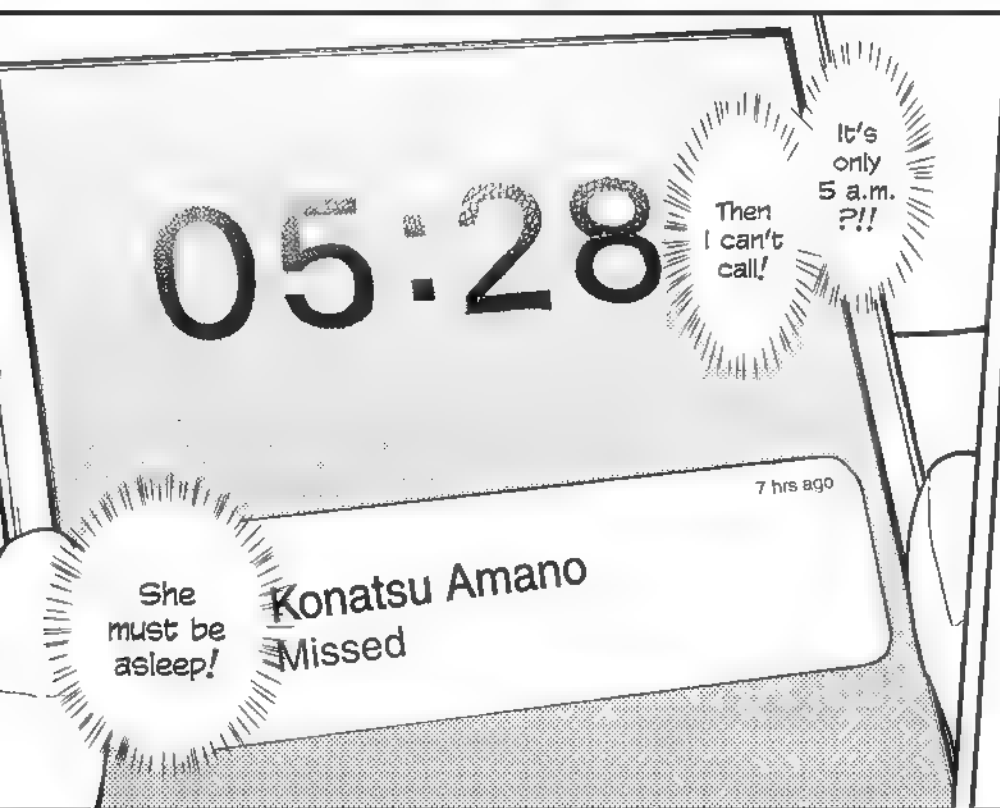


M-my text...

I can't wait to see you and all our little friends in the Aquarium Club.

I

I never sent it?!



She must be asleep!

Konatsu Amano
Missed

Then I can't call!

It's only 5 a.m.?!!



No, I should call!!

... text her back!

I have to ...

But...









Dear
Konatsu
...

KLIK
KLAK



Sorry I
didn't get
back in
touch right
away.

KLIK
KLAK

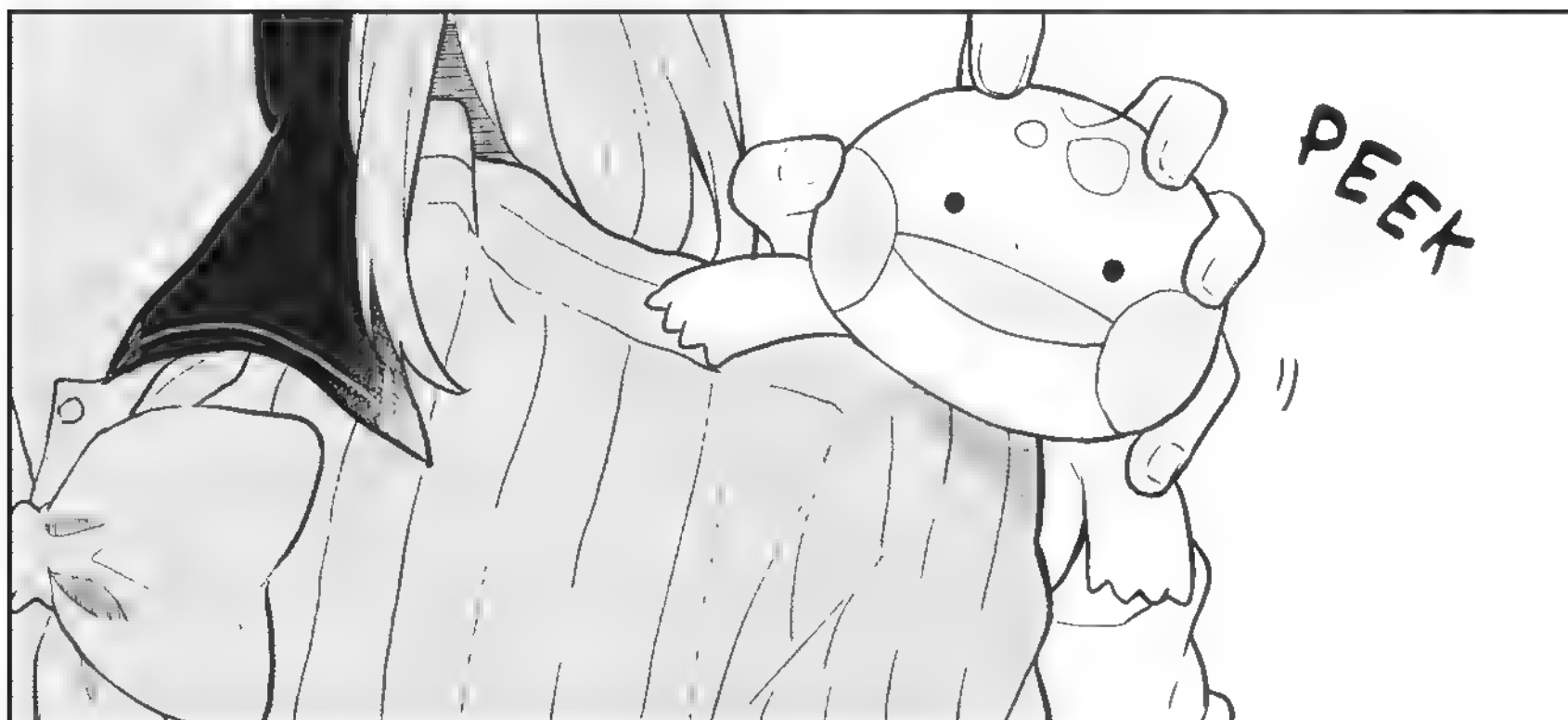


There's
too
much
actually.

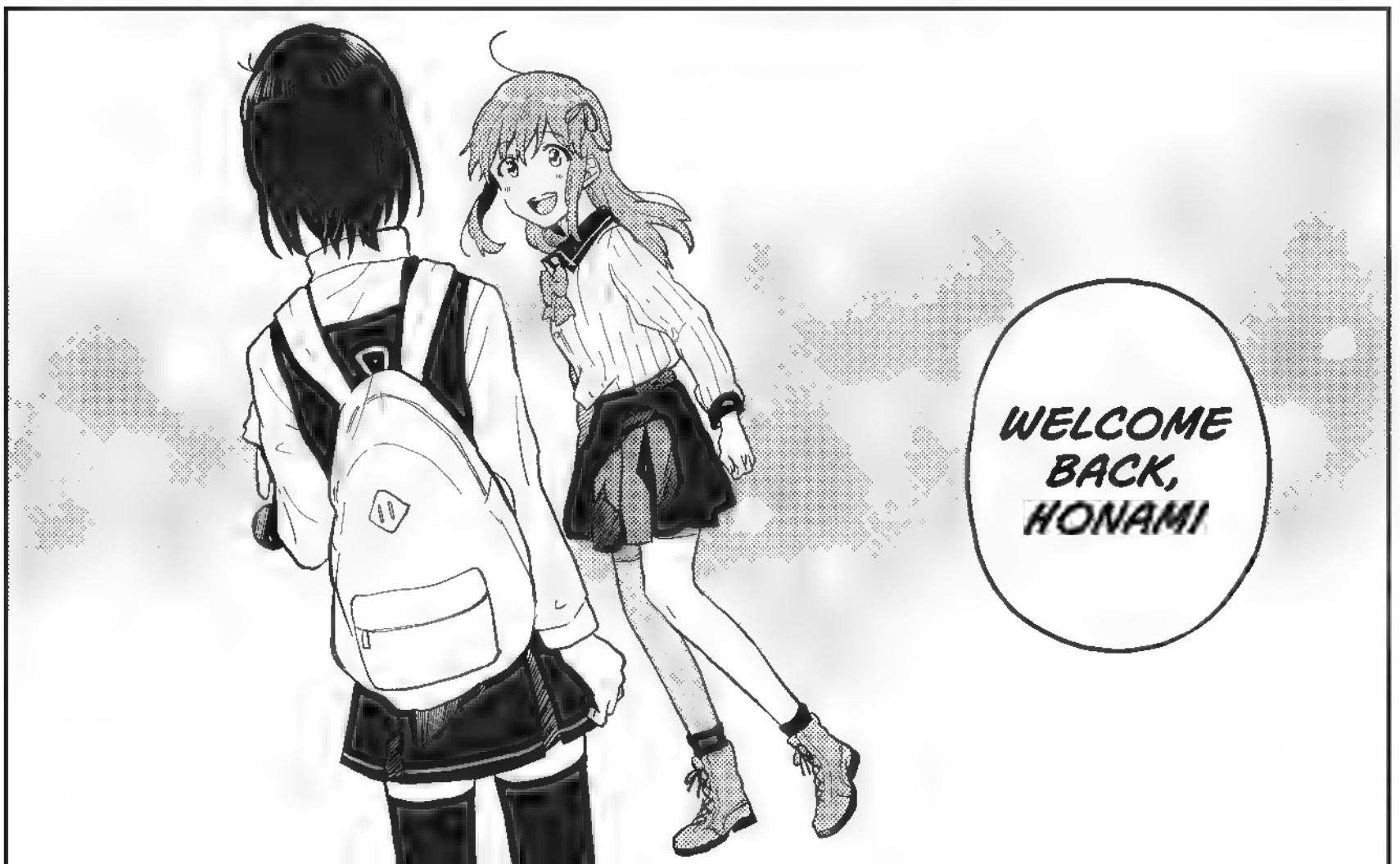


But I
want
to tell
you and
ask you
about so
much...

...and
share
stories.



But
first I
think
I'll
say...



Tank 16:
Koyuki Honami Can't Hide It

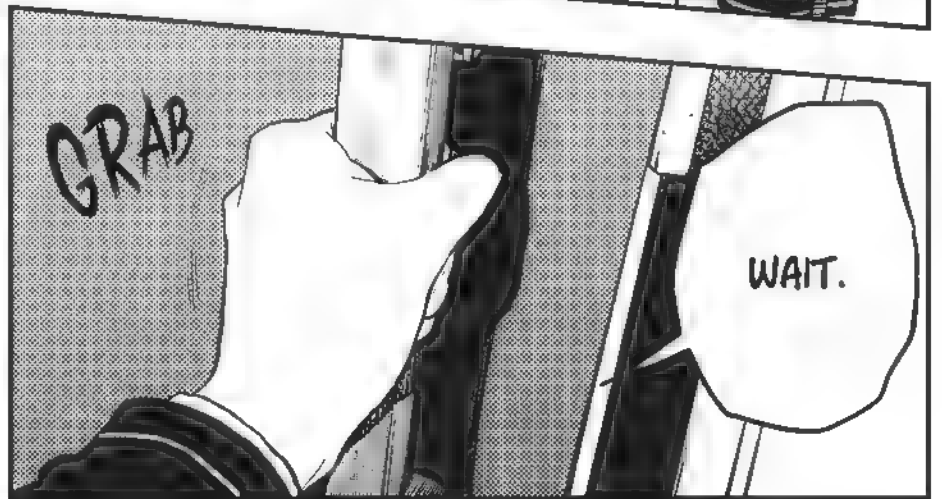
BRR!
IT'S
COLD!

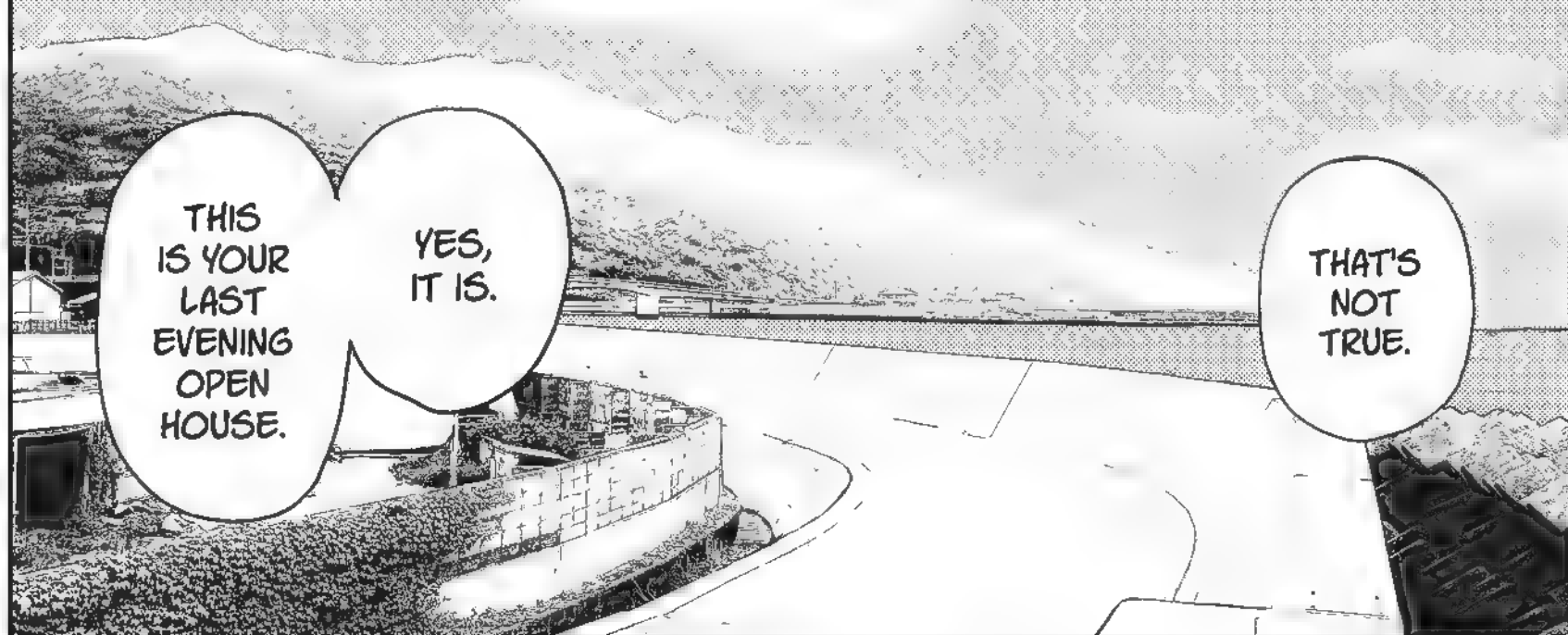


WHAT
TIME IS
THE OPEN
HOUSE?

WAIT A
MINUTE,
KOYUKI!

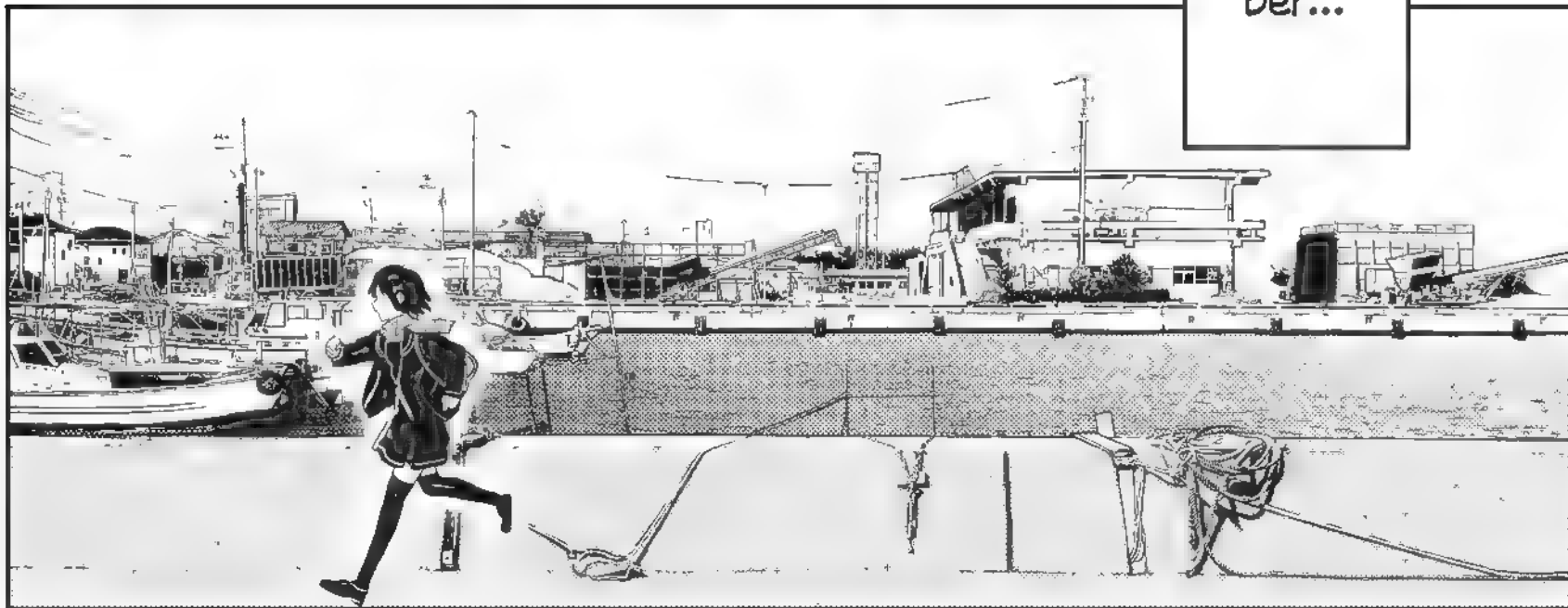
HUFF







December...





...and held the second-term closing ceremony.



After the school trip, we took our final exams...



PASS THIS BACK.

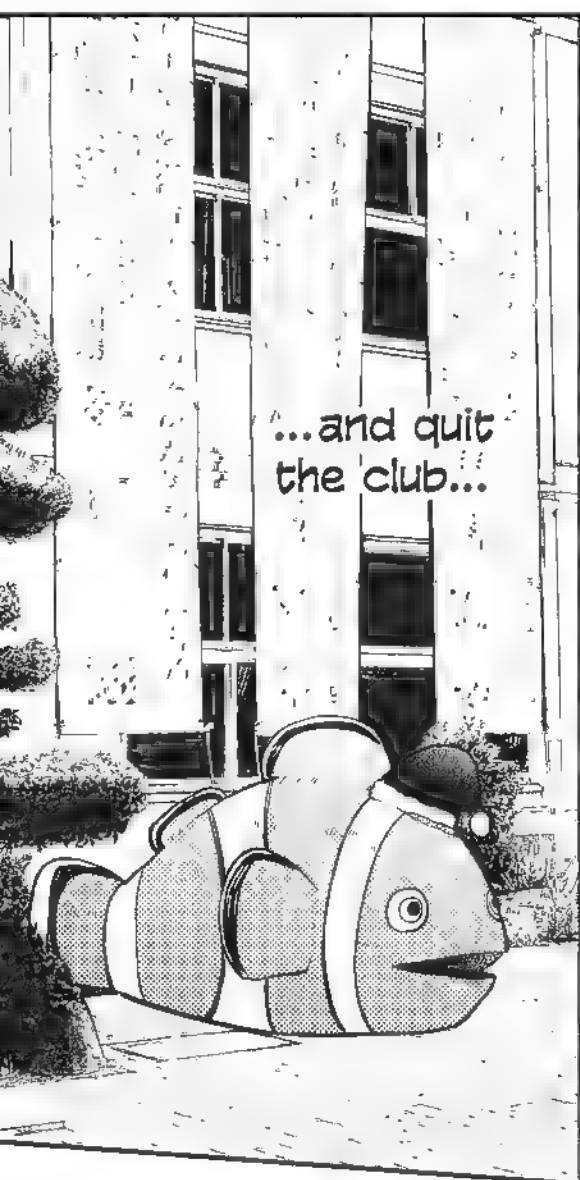


TURN IT IN AT THE THIRD-TERM OPENING CEREMONY.



IT'S YOUR HOMEWORK FOR WINTER BREAK.







But I
don't
want
to.



OH...



...
HONAMI!



ISN'T IT
PRETTY?



YOU WERE
LATE, SO I
DECORATED
THE TREE.







HERE'S A
PRESENT
FROM
SANTA!



STAND
OVER
THERE.
I'LL
SNAP
A PIC.

I
SAID
NO!

MERRY
CHRIST-
MAS,
LITTLE
BOY!



BMP

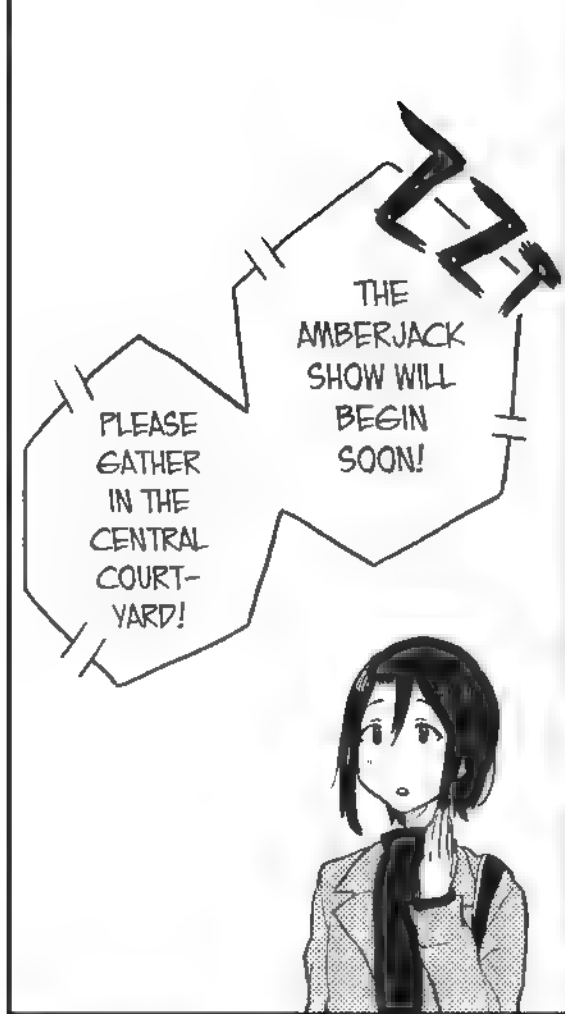
BA

!!



SK-KS

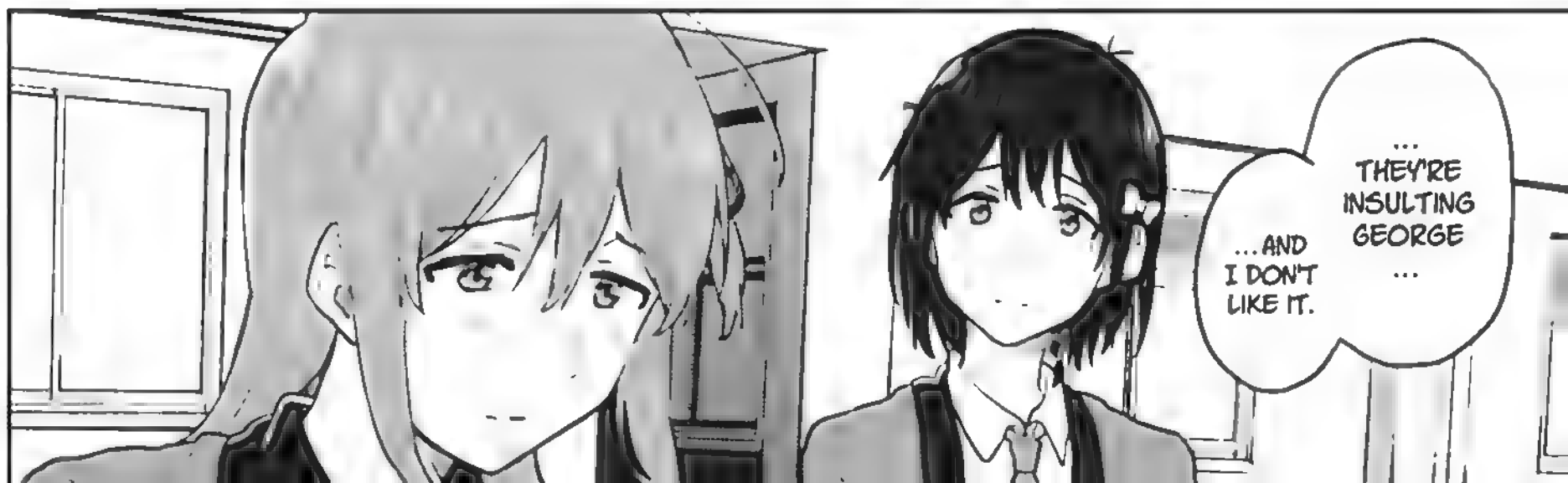
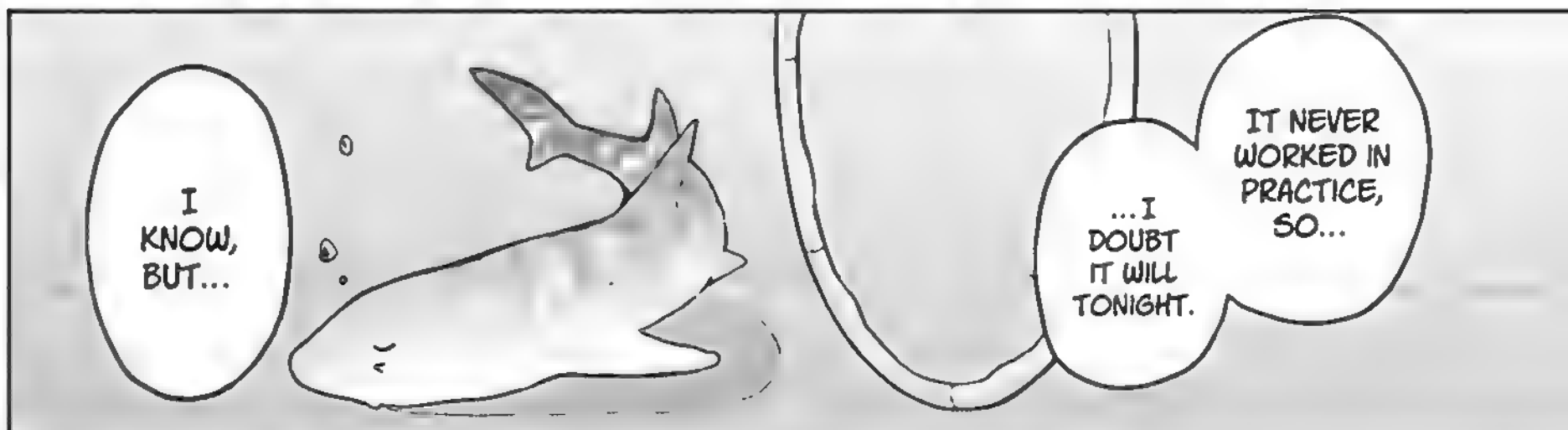
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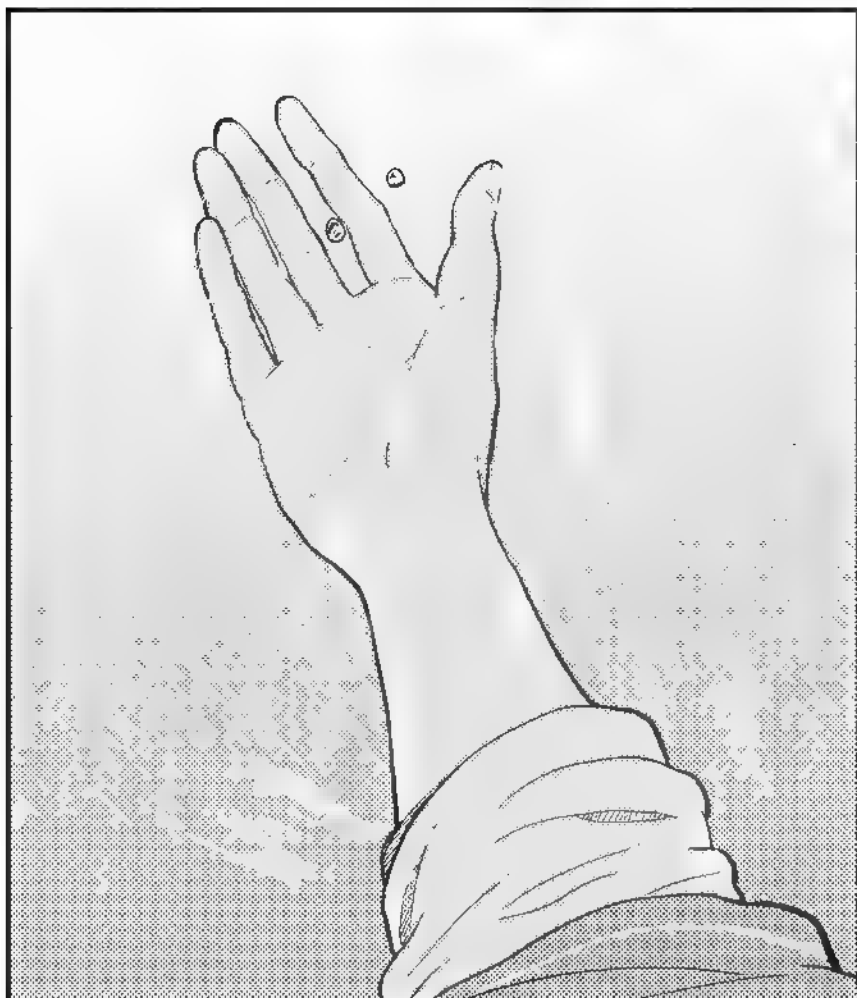












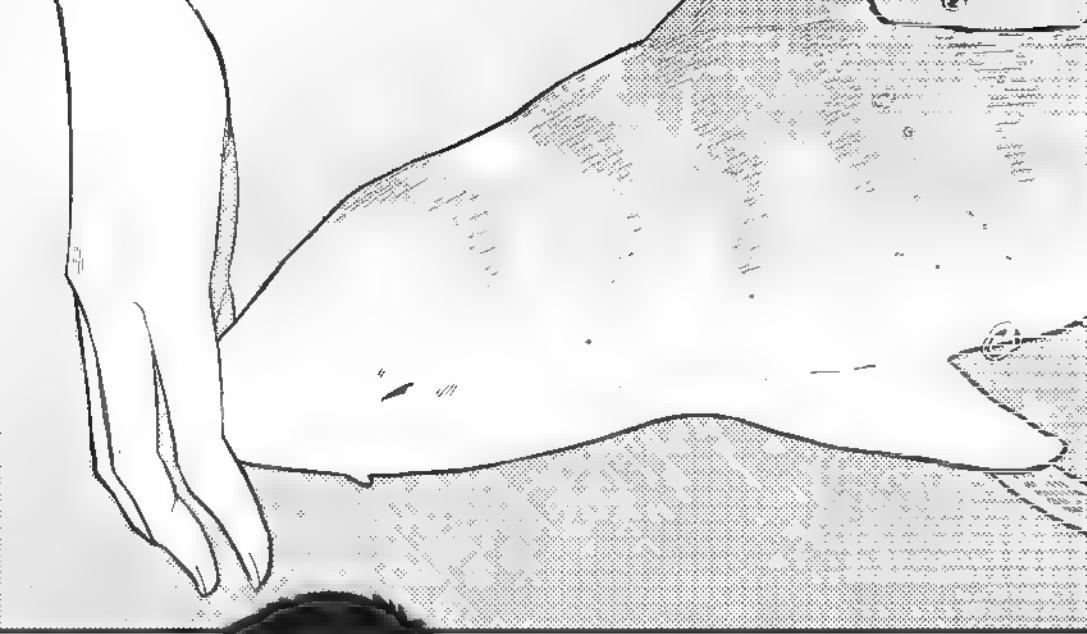


LET'S
TRY
THIS...

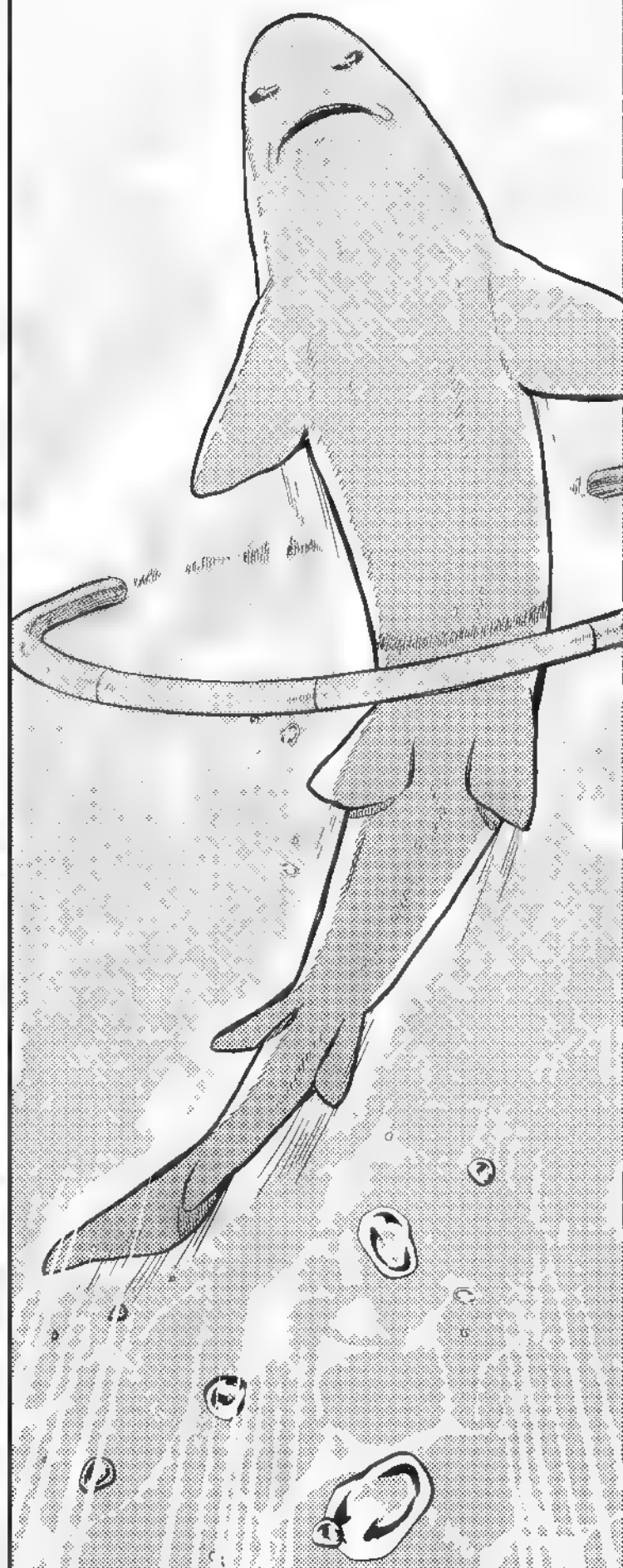
...
OKAY?

IT'S
ALL
RIGHT.

IT'S
ME,
KOYUKI.



COME
ON,
GEORGE!





L...



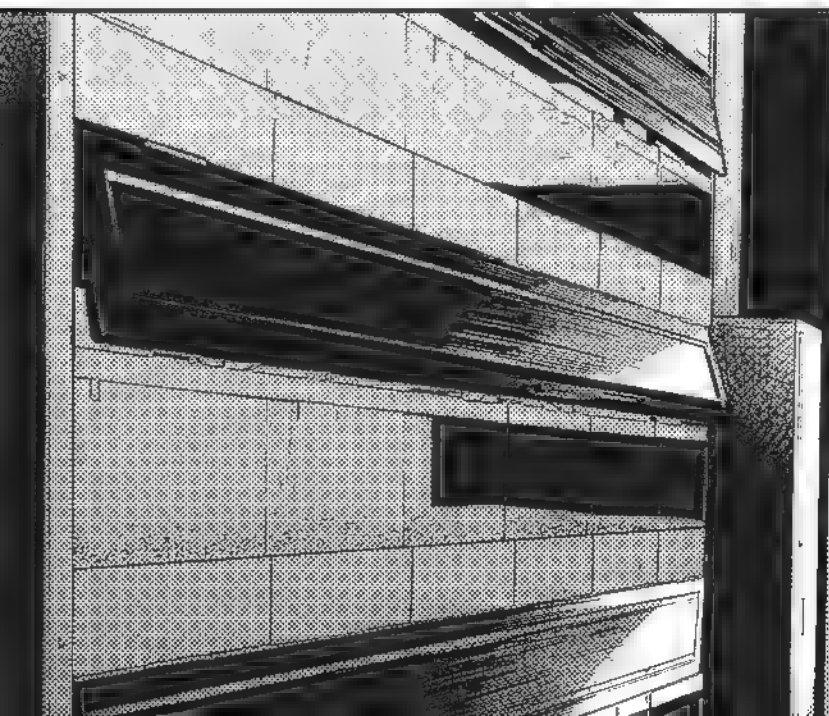
LET'S
HEAR
IT FOR
GEORGE
!

HOP

WE
DID
IT!!

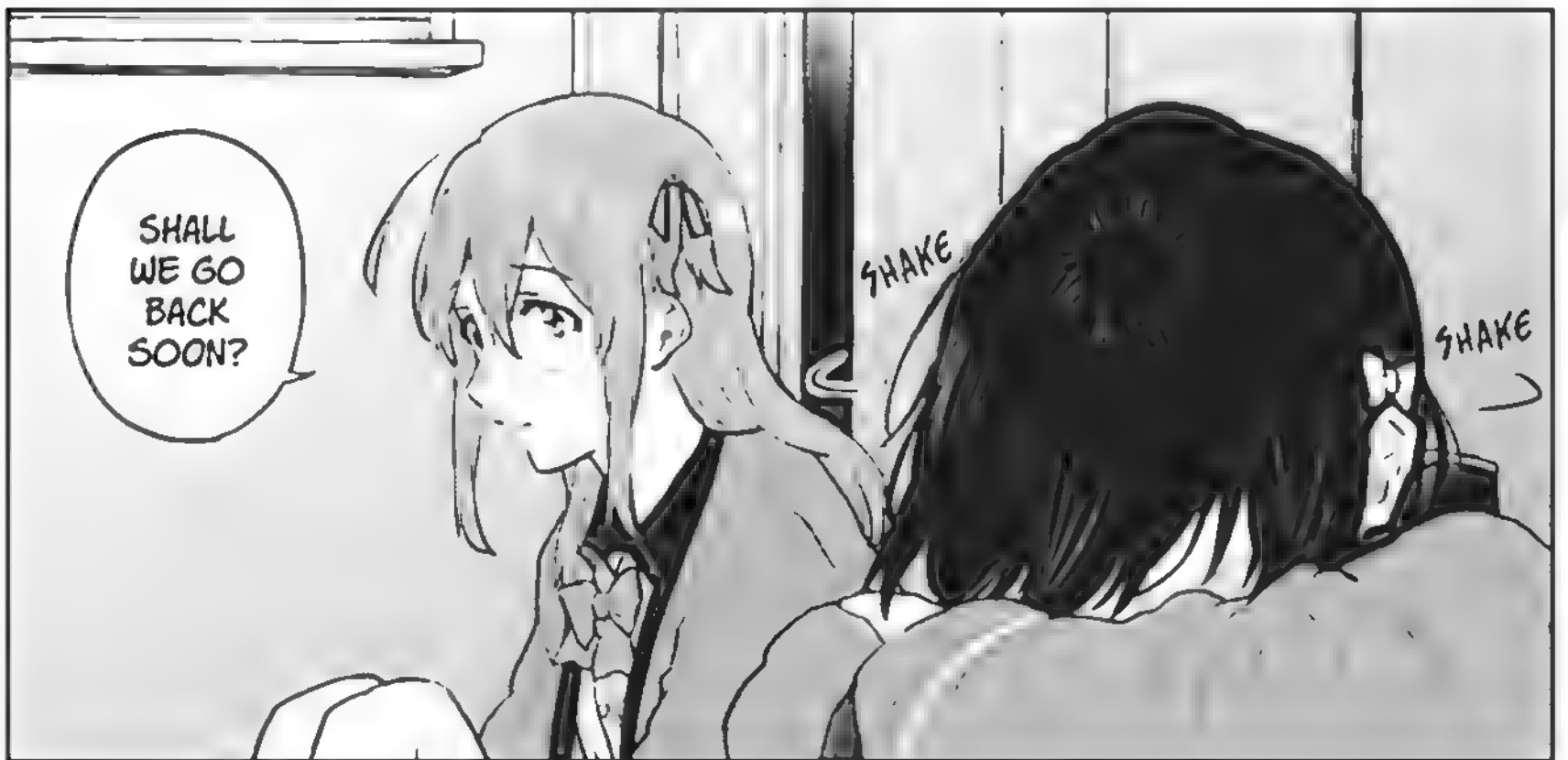
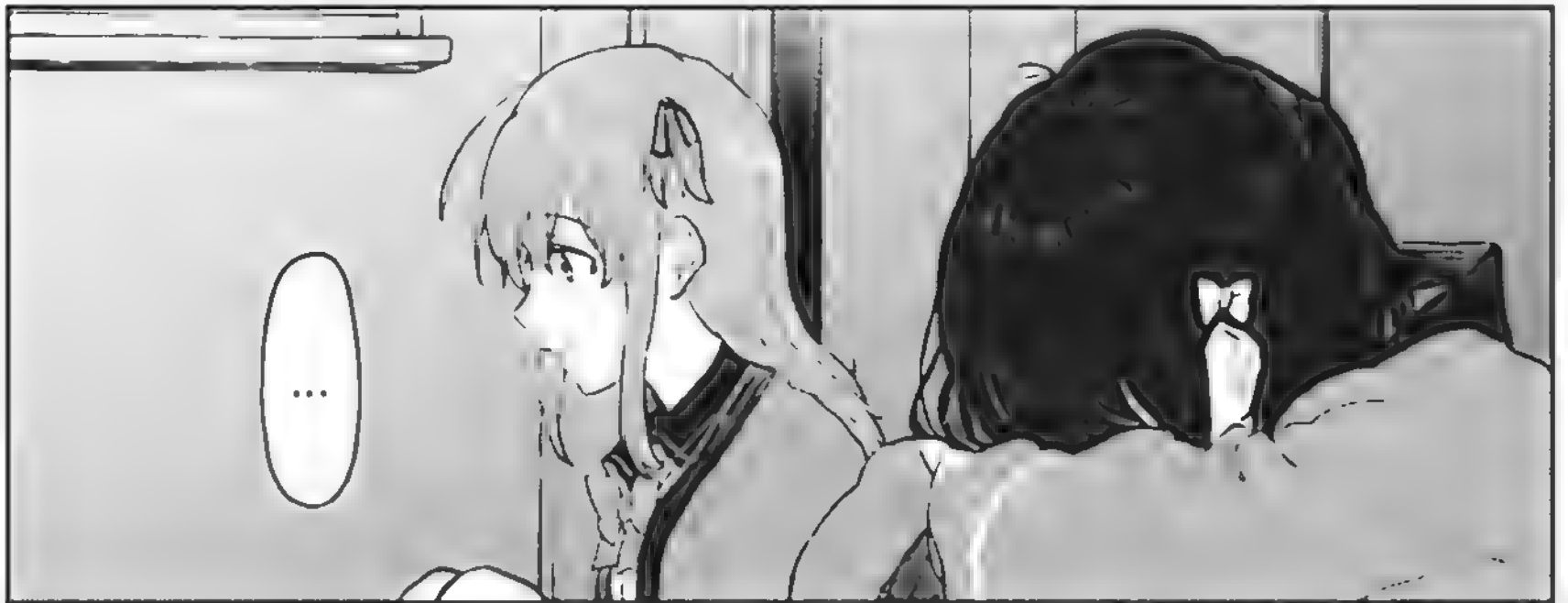
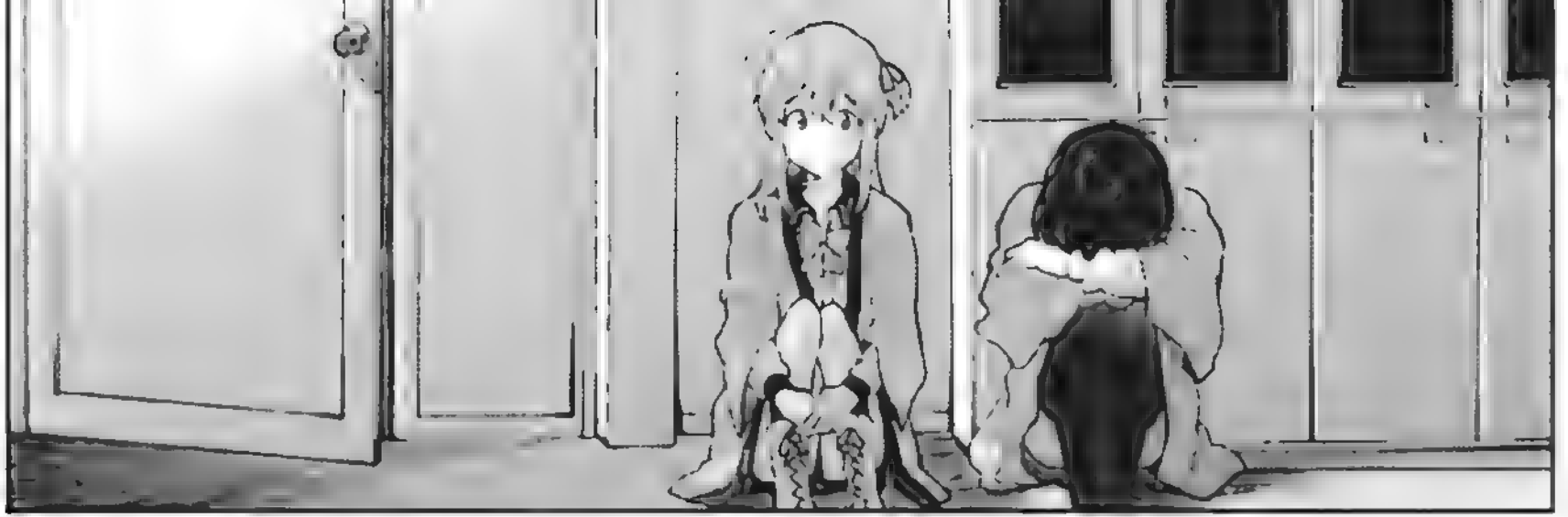


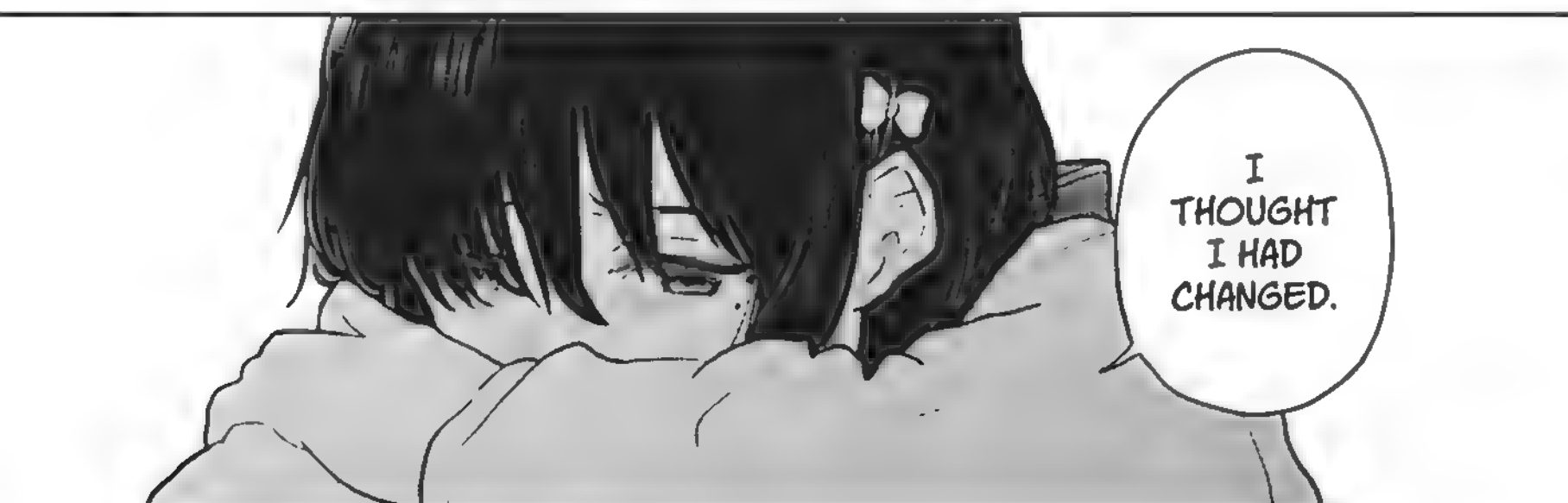














...IS
STILL
SCARY.

...
LETTING
PEOPLE
SEE ME
LIKE
THAT...




...WHAT-
EVER
YOU'RE
LIKE.

YOU'LL
ALWAYS BE
HONAMI
TO ME...





... THEN
I'LL TELL
THEM
THEY'RE
WRONG!



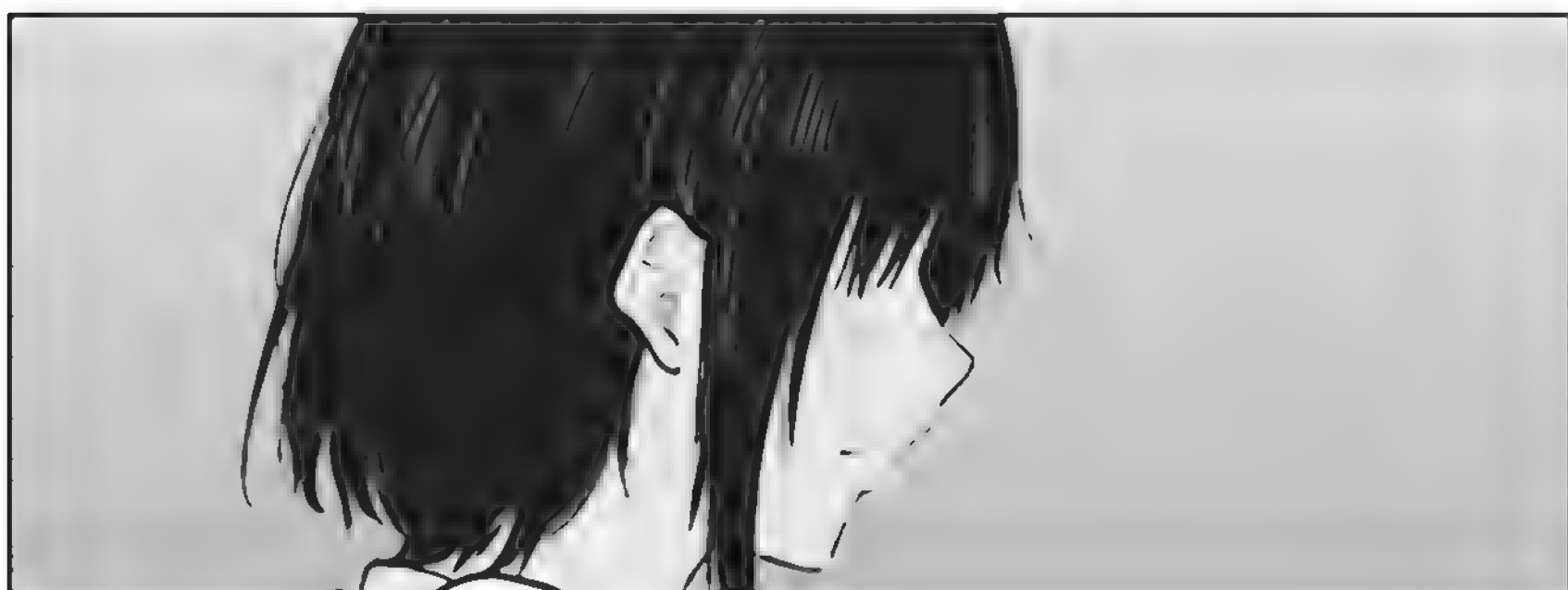
... THEN
I WANT
TO GET
TO KNOW
THEM.

IF THERE
ARE PARTS
OF YOU I
DON'T KNOW
YET...

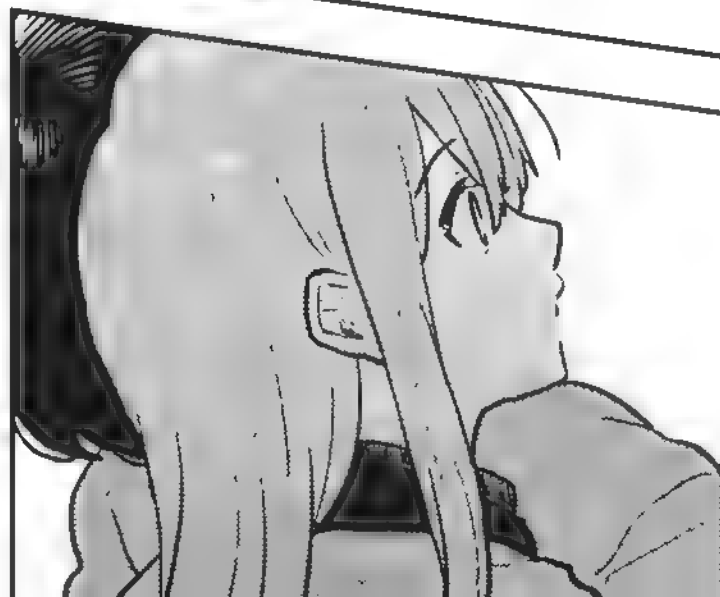


AND IF
SOMEONE
SAYS
THAT SN'T
YOU...









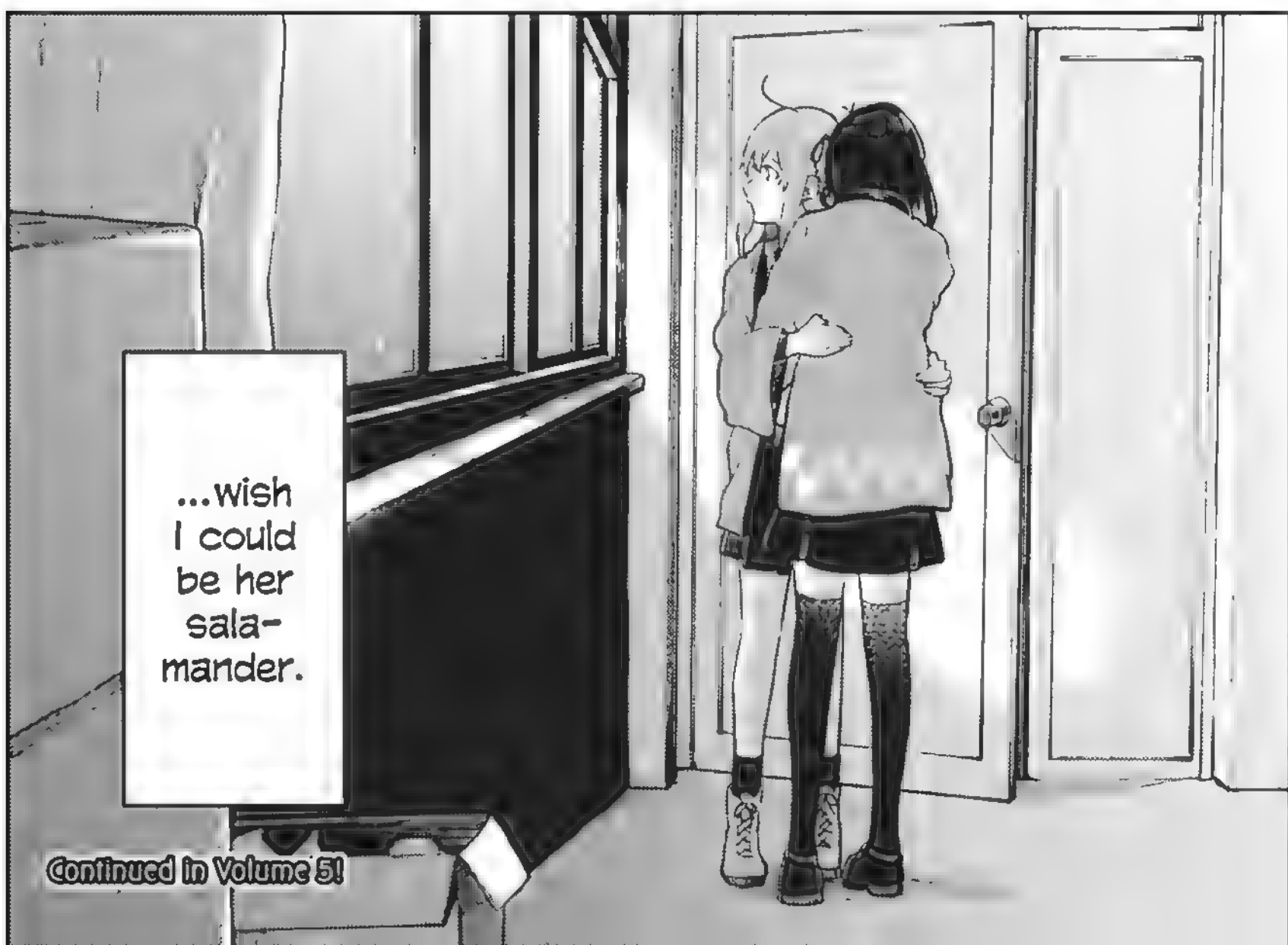
...
what
will I
do?

If
Konatsu
spoils
me like
this...

This isn't
like the
salamander
story.

After
all...

...I'm
going to
graduate
first,
right?



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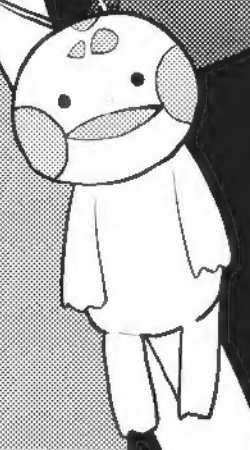
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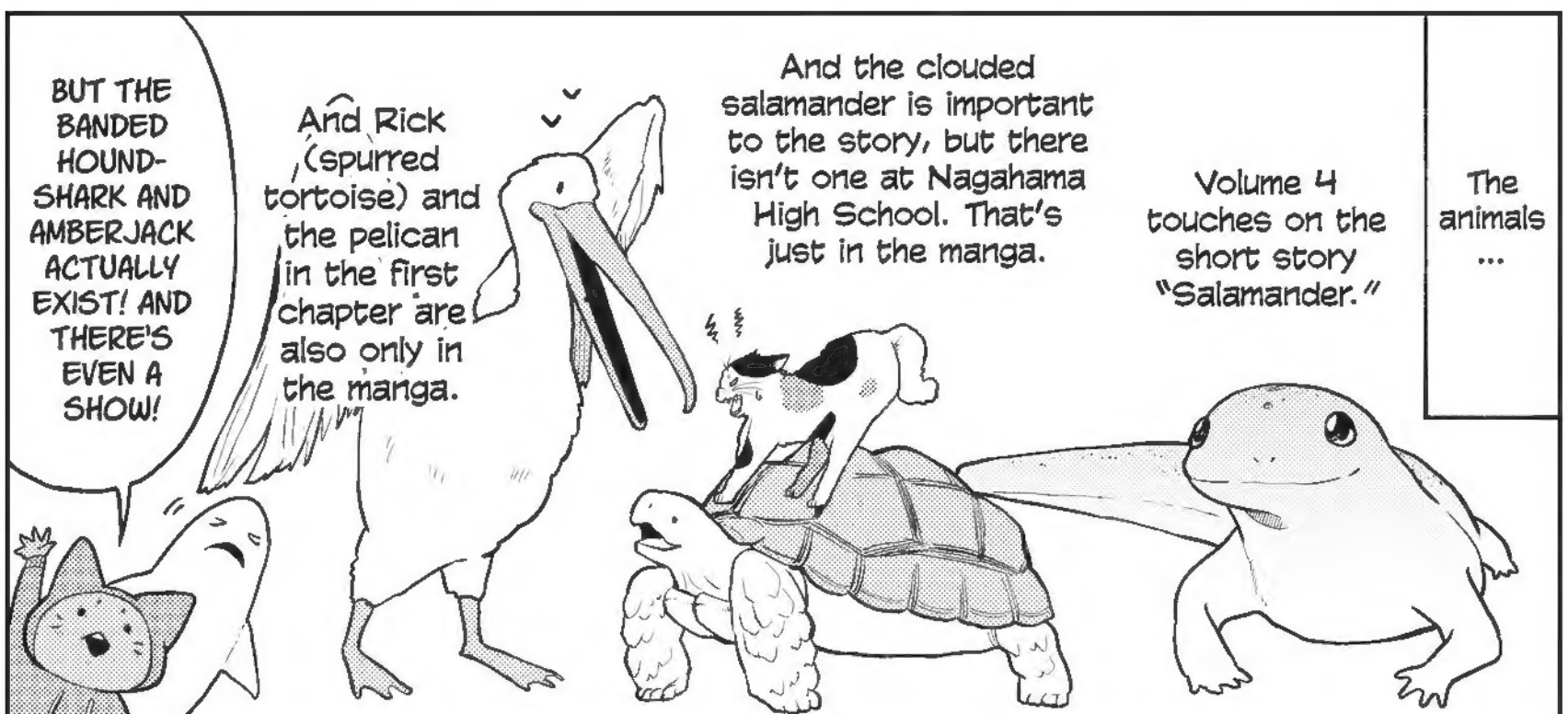
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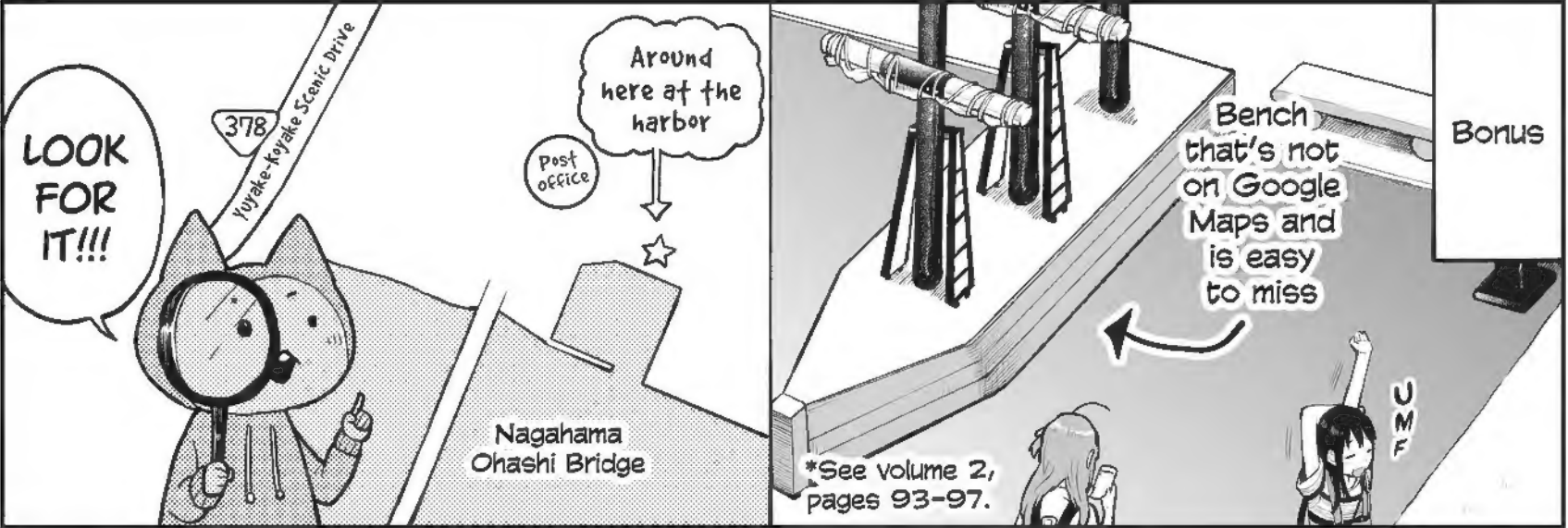
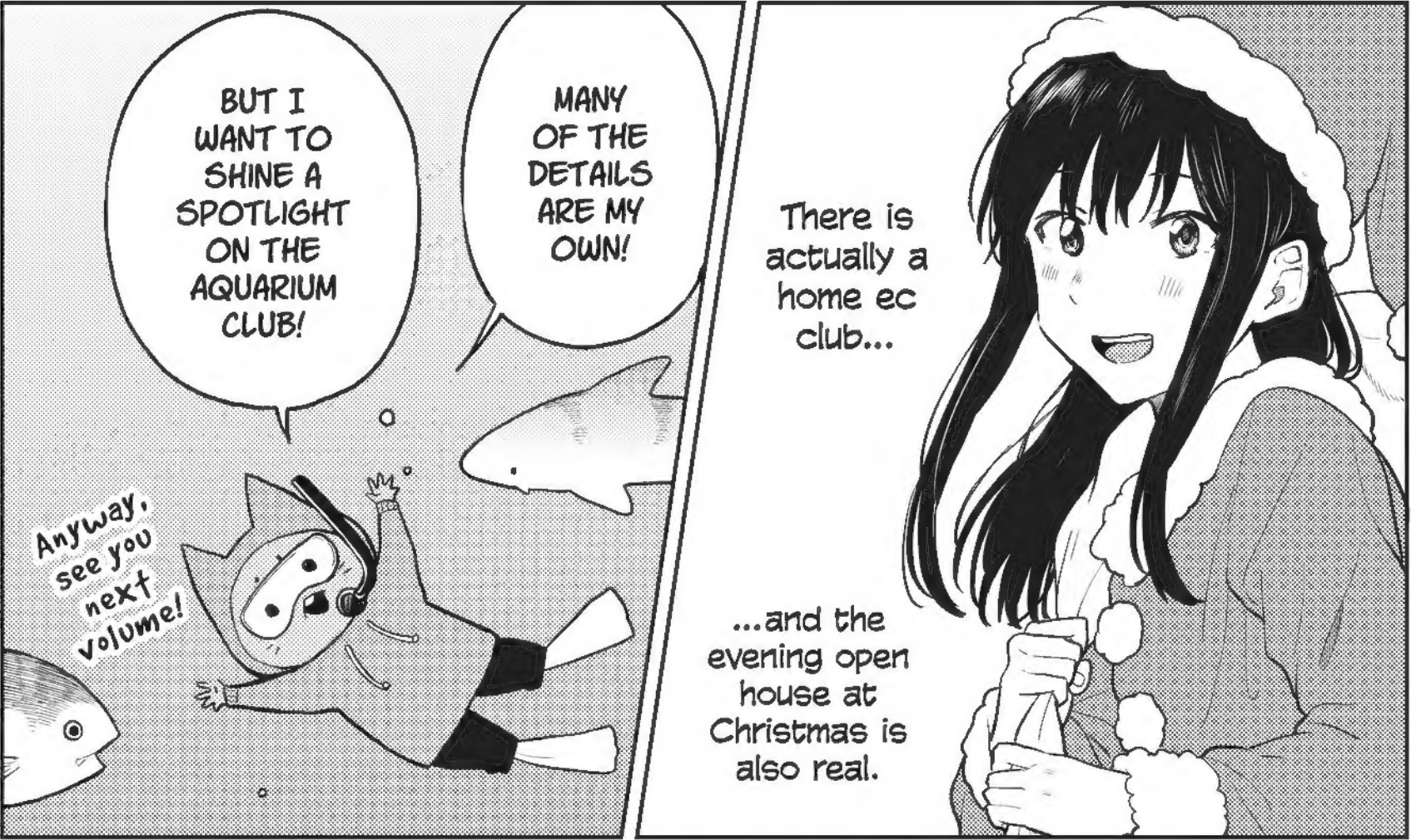
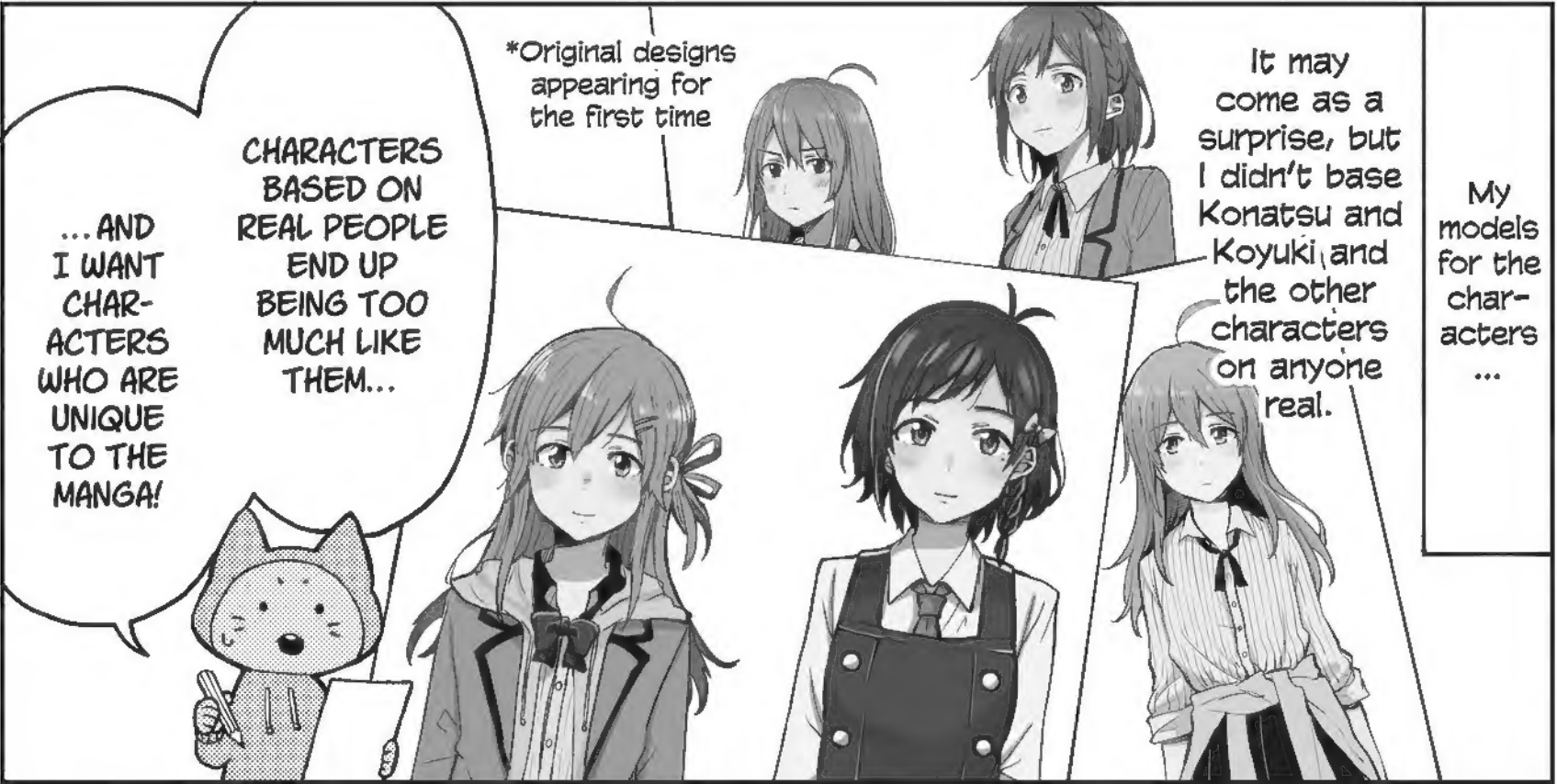
• My family, Hinata, Sakura

• All the readers who support me

As always, thank you!!!







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